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(Bloomberg) -- Copper climbed to a fresh record and approached \$12,000 a ton at the tail end of a momentous year dominated by trade turmoil, tight supply and optimism for long-term demand.

With just a few trading days left on the London Metal Exchange before year-end, copper is on track for its biggest annual gain since 2009. The metal that's crucial for the energy transition has powered higher in recent months on growing concerns about tightening global supply.

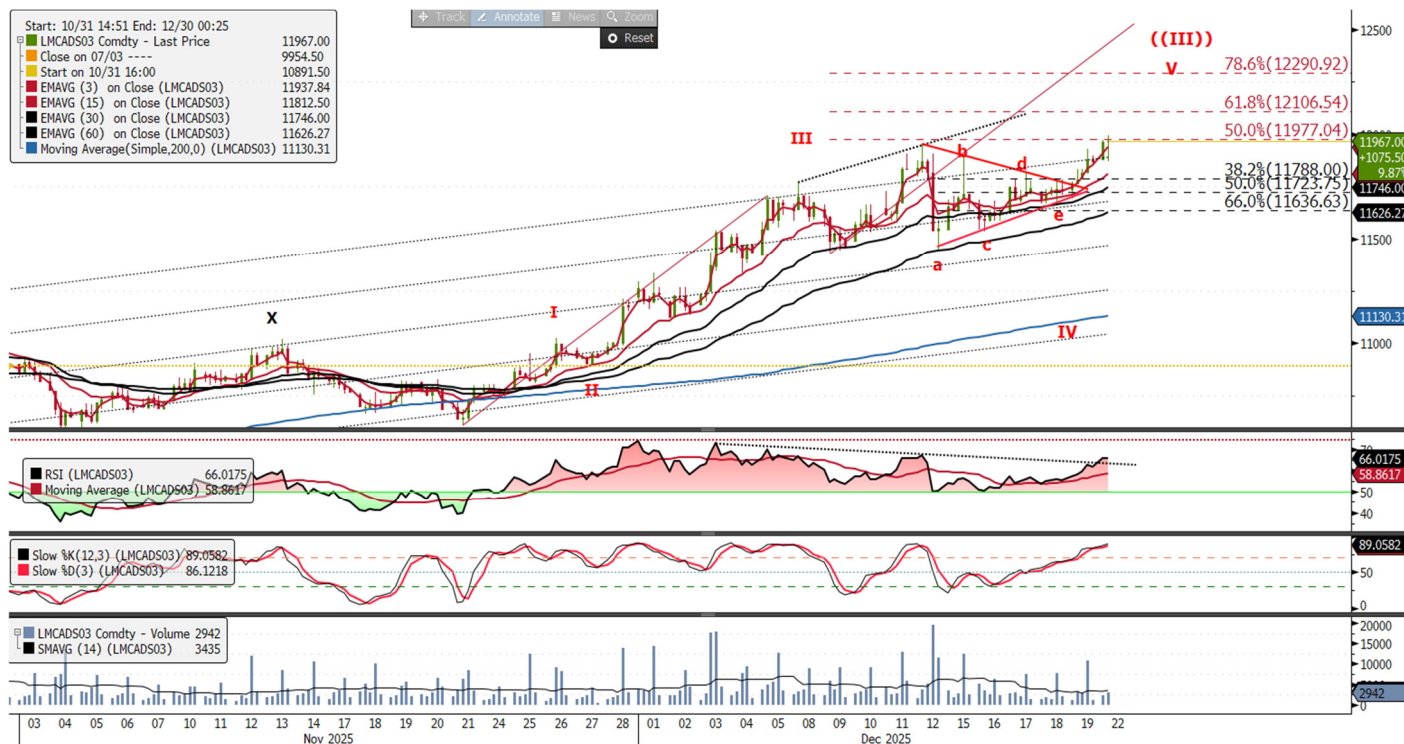
The immediate driver is a rush of metal to the US — aimed at front-running potential import tariffs — that threatens to leave the rest of the world undersupplied. But a 36% advance this year has also been fueled by unplanned mine outages and the buzz around copper's use in the infrastructure for artificial intelligence.

In a clear sign of growing supply stress, difficult talks for annual ore supply contracts resulted in a deal for smelters to get zero dollars per ton for processing fees — the lowest on record.

There's already been plenty of bullish forecasts for 2026. Citigroup Inc. has said prices could hit \$13,000 a ton by the second quarter amid the scramble to get metal to US shores. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. last week flagged copper as its favored metal for the year ahead.

Copper was up 0.7% to \$11,966.50 a ton by 11:56 a.m. Shanghai time. Aluminum, zinc and nickel also all rose.

Copper Morning Technical (4-hour)



	Support	Resistance	Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	11,834	R1	11,977	RSI is above 50	Stochastic overbought
S2	11,788	R2	12,106		
S3	11,723	R3	12,290		

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- The RSI is above 50 (66)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 11,834
- Technically bullish on Friday, the futures had opened above the trend resistance line of the symmetrical triangle pattern (USD 11,754), we noted that if we held above the resistance line, it would signal that the high of the of the resistance candle (USD 11,890.5) and the fractal high at USD 11,952 could be tested and broken. We also noted that if we closed above the high of the last dominant bear candle (USD 11,909.5) and traded to a new high; although divergent, we would have a potential upside target at USD 12,106. However, if we traded to a new high, but failed to close above the USD 11,909.5 level, then we would be looking at a weaker upside break, suggesting caution. Failure to hold above the resistance line would signal pattern failure, at this point the symmetrical triangle should be ignored, as it would warn of technical weakness.
- The breakout held with price producing a bullish close and trading to new highs. We are above all key moving averages supported by the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buyside.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 11,834 with the RSI at or below 56.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 11,636 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 is supported. We are in divergence dating back to the 28 of the November; however, the RSI has broken near-term resistance, indicating intraday downside moves should be considered as countertrend, making USD 11,636 the key support to follow. If broken, then the probability of price trading to a new high will start to decrease.

Aluminium Morning Technical (4-hour)



Support		Resistance		Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,938	R1	2,981	2,958.5	RSI above 50	Stochastic overbought
S2	2,917	R2	2,996			
S3	2,905	R3	3,006			

Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (67)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,938
- Technically bullish on Friday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was supported, whilst our intraday Elliott wave analysis suggested that downside moves should be considered as countertrend. We noted that market buyers should be cautious on pullbacks below USD 2,850, as it would warn that price action was becoming corrective. Bullish
- The futures continue to move higher with price above all key moving averages supported by the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buy side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 2,938 with the RSI at or below 58 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,887 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 is supported whilst intraday Elliott wave analysis suggests that downside moves should be considered as countertrend, making USD 2,887 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)



Support		Resistance		Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	3,071	R1	3,097	3,089	RSI above 50	Stochastic overbought
S2	3,060	R2	3,126			
S3	3,035	R3	3,156			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is above the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is above 50 (51)
- Stochastic is overbought
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 3,071
- Technically bearish on Friday, the MA on the RSI implied that we had light momentum support, whilst the futures were above the 200-period MA, meaning we remained vulnerable to an intraday move higher in the near-term. However, our Elliott wave analysis suggested that upside moves should be considered as countertrend, making USD 3,156 the key resistance to follow. If we closed and held below the trend support line (USD 3,053), then we would be looking at a bear flag. At that point, the technical suggested that we move lower.
- The futures continue to see light bid support, we are above the EMA resistance band with the RSI near neutral at 51, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buyside.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 3,071 with the RSI at or below 45 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the side. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 3,156 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 supported, whilst the futures are above the 200-period MA, meaning we remain vulnerable to an intraday moves higher in the near-term. However, our Elliott wave analysis suggests that upside moves should be considered as countertrend, making USD 3,156 the key resistance to follow. If we close and hold below the trend support line (USD 3,060), then we will be looking at a bear flag. At this point, the technical suggests that we move lower.