

FIS European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	20325	23725	16.7%
Cape Q2 21	22250	24325	9.3%
Cape Cal 22	16900	17125	1.3%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Pmx 1 month forward	23075	25625	11.1%
Pmx Q2 21	21250	23600	11.1%
Pmx Cal 22	12875	13175	2.3%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Smx 1 month forward	21250	21200	-0.2%
Smx Q2 21	19475	19750	1.4%
Smx Cal 22	11825	12225	3.4%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Brent	64.22	61.98	-3.5%
WTI	60.86	58.36	-4.1%
Iron ore	155.75	155.55	-0.1%

Data Source FIS and Bloomberg

Iron Ore

Drifting is the best way to describe the iron ore market with the April futures trading around the USD 154 level for the bulk of the session, to close the day on the screen around the USD 153.50 level. The technical is still bearish as price remains below the USD 157.37 resistance leaving it vulnerable to further downside moves. There has been a Technical Intervention Trade (known as TIT for short) at USD 158.20, however this is in a 1 lot with the clear intention to manipulate/mislead price. Little news on Bloomberg with the main story being that iron ore drifts as demand fears linger after mill curbs.

Capesize

The big talking point in the freight market is the blockage in the Suez Canal by the container ship Ever Given. The futures had entered a corrective phase, however they have now risen USD 5,000 in the last two trading sessions, as news filters through that there might not be a quick fix after all. With nearly 200 ships now backed up it is a case of wait it out and hope it clears soon or take a 3,000-mile trip around the cape of Good Hope and put a week on the journey time. The futures are pushing up on the back of it and right now it is changing the technical footprint of the market. How much so? It is too early to tell, but with the index RSI at 57.5 having failed at the 62 level it is probably worth keeping one eye on this again, just in case.

Panamax

The market is bullish with the futures on most time frames looking like they are about to make new highs. For more information, please follow the link on the technical. Panamax Technical Report 25/03/21 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/FIS-4-PAGE-TECHNICAL-REPORT-PANAMAX-25-03-21.pdf>

Supramax

The futures remain in a corrective phase with the index down USD 694 to USD 22,227. From a technical perspective we look to have completed the extended wave 3 and entered a corrective wave 4. Having seemingly missed a bullish intraday wave altogether the question is, will the Suez Canal saga result in another bull move, or will we stay in a corrective mode for a while? USD 23,132 is a level to watch for, upside moves that fail at or around this level would suggest the futures will remain in a corrective wave for a while longer, although ultimately the April will need to trade above the USD 24,875 to be considered as bullish.

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Oil

The focus in the oil market is more on shipping rates rather than the price of black gold, with some taker rates starting to move higher on the back of the blockage, with Middle East to Europe being one of the routes effected (Bloomberg). Oil itself continues to drift with open interest now starting to level out, those that are long below the USD 55 level are still holding their positions, suggesting this could become a market support level going forward. Below this level and we could see another exodus.

Have a nice evening.

Ed Hutton