

FIS European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change		Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	16750	21750	29.9%	Pmx 1 month forward	24175	24750	2.4%
Cape Q222	25775	24750	-4.0%	Pmx Q1222	26400	25050	-5.1%
Cape Cal 23	20500	19750	-3.7%	Pmx Cal 23	17050	16625	-2.5%

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Smx 1 month forward	28250	27375	-3.1%	Brent	98.57	101.06	2.5%
Smx Q2 22	28500	26375	-7.5%	WTI	91.94	96.77	5.3%
Smx Cal 23	17575	16850	-4.1%	Iron ore	137.3	143.2	4.3%

Data Source FIS and Bloomberg

Iron ore

The NDRC continue to punish violations in the iron ore market; however, although steel production in Russia remains normal, rising electricity costs and higher shipping rates in the Black Sea are pushing steel prices higher (Bloomberg). The march futures have traded above the USD 141.75 resistance to USD 144.80, meaning the intraday technical is now bullish. On the daily technical we continue to target the USD 146.29 level as a key resistance, above this level the futures will have a neutral bias, only above USD 157.25 is the technical bullish on the daily chart. Downside moves below USD 136.22 will target the USD 131.80 and USD 125.00 support levels.

Copper

Tis market remains neutral and in range. Money managers have decreased their bullish Comex copper bets by 3,457 net-long positions to 33,411, weekly CFTC data on futures and options show (Bloomberg). Money is leaving the market as it is the worst performing base metal in recent weeks. Neutral.

Capesize

Index momentum is bearish based on price having moved USD 612 lower today to USD 13,414. The March futures also continue to move lower with price opening USD 750 below Fridays close (USD 16,750). Price traded to a low of USD 15,650 in a low range environment with fund Algo's continuing to sell the front end of the curve. However, the futures remain supported as the 1-hour intraday technical is showing a positive divergence, warning that we could soon see a momentum slowdown. The technical remains bearish with upside moves that fail at or below the USD 19,363 level vulnerable to further tests to the downside. The tight range today supports a momentum slowdown, warning that we have the potential to see a small test to the upside. Tomorrows pivot point is at USD 15,750, USD 125 higher than the close, if we open above this level, we could see buying support, if we open below this level could see the futures come under further pressure, however we remain cautious due to the positive divergence.

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Panamax

We noted on Friday that the technical was starting to look vulnerable as the technical had a neutral bias whilst the index has produced a negative day. The index is USD 533 lower at USD 22,053 meaning momentum is weakening based on price. The upside move on Friday reversed today with the March futures USD 1,475 lower at USD 22,700, meaning we are trading at a near equilibrium to the index due to market uncertainties. Technically we remain neutral/bullish due to the deep pullback, however the weakening index is warning that we could test the USD 21,425 support in the coming days. Upside moves above USD 24,250 will break fractal resistance, warning the intraday technical is back in bullish territory. Technically bearish with price moving lower due to the war in the Ukraine, we do have a small positive divergence with the RSI on the 1-hour chart that will need to be monitored as we could see price moving higher a little before a test of the USD 21,425 support.

Supramax

We warned on Friday that we could potentially see a dead cat bounce, and this looks to be the case. Although the index is USD 124 higher at USD 26,711 the March futures have closed USD 1,625 lower at USD 26,625. As noted on last weeks technical report the Q2 and Cal 23 look to have created lower lows in the market, confirming they have completed a bullish intraday 5 wave cycle, suggesting the March contract although in bull territory could be in the early stages of a corrective phase. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 28,516 will remain vulnerable to further tests to the downside. Like the rest of the freight curve there is a small positive divergence on the 1-hour technical that will need to be monitored as we have the potential to see a small test to the upside in the near-term.

Oil

With Russia no longer having access to swift and numerous threats to go nuclear the futures traded up to USD 105.07 on the open. However, with various news agencies citing that the U.S. and its allies could be about to tap their strategic reserves the futures came under pressure with price at USD 101.00 going into the European close. We remain technically bullish with a near-term target at USD 107.11, corrective moves lower that hold at or above USD 95.31 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.