



European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change		Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	17125	15600	-8.9%	Pmx 1 month forward	17125	17000	-0.7%
Cape Q422	18375	17325	-5.7%	Pmx Q422	17525	17375	-0.9%
Cape Cal 23	15500	15025	-3.1%	Pmx Cal 23	13450	13325	-0.9%

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Smx 1 month forward	18375	18875	2.7%	Brent	99.42	98.17	-1.3%
Smx Q4 22	17800	17700	-0.6%	WTI	93.99	92.3	-1.8%
Smx Cal 23	13600	13575	-0.2%	Iron ore	112	109.45	-2.3%

Iron ore

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Iron ore fell, snapping a two-day gain, as a report showed stockpiles of the steel-making ingredient are still rising. Inventories at major Chinese ports grew 1.3% this week, taking their increase since mid-July to almost 7%, according to Mysteel data. The metal is still heading for a modest weekly gain amid some signs consumption from the construction sector may be improving (Bloomberg). The Sep futures moved lower in another quite session with price now nearing the USD 108.55 fractal support, if broken then the USD 104.70 and USD 95.50 levels have the potential to come under pressure.

Copper

Copper trimmed a weekly gain after data showed China's credit growth slowed more than expected amid a property market slump and weak consumer demand in the top user. The metal declined as much as 0.9% on Friday, paring an earlier gain. It's still set to finish the week higher after ebbing US inflation data eased concerns that the Federal Reserve will be forced to induce a recession in the world's largest economy (Bloomberg). The futures have been in divergence for the last few days, warning we had the potential to see a momentum slowdown. The USD basket held support resulting in copper moving USD 82.00 lower. The technical remains bullish but is now in a corrective phase with price and momentum aligned to the sell side, key support is now at USD 7,807.

Capesize

Having reversed yesterday the index moved lower today with price coming in USD 1,859 lower. As noted on yesterday's close report a weakening index and bearish futures warned we could make a new low today, which has been the case. The Sep contract is USD 1,525 lower at USD 15,600 with price testing the USD 15,312 support, the new low means the RSI is now in divergence with the futures warning we have the potential to see a momentum slowdown. However, using the William's approach we have a potential downside target at USD 13,704. Technically bearish the divergence will need to be monitored.

Panamax

The index had been slowing for the last two session, however downside pressure increased today with the index USD 178 lower at USD 15,825. Going into the close last night the USD 16,500 fractal support had looked vulnerable and this was tested in the morning session with price trading to a low of USD 16,625; however, support held resulting in the futures closing the day at USD 17,000. The technical remains bearish with price and momentum aligned to the sell side going into the close, the weakening index would suggest that the USD 16,500 support could be broken in the coming days.

Supramax

A bit of a surprise in the index today, having shown no signs that sell side momentum was slowing the index rose USD 22 to USD 17,526 today. A close above USD 17,980 is need for momentum to be seen to be improving based on price. A weakening technical had suggested that the USD 18,180 support would be broken today, signaling that the USD 17,500 fractal support would be tested. However, the futures held support on the open with price moving higher in the afternoon session, meaning the Sep contract closed USD 500 higher at USD 18,875. The technical remains bearish and we maintain our view based on wave analysis that any upside move is considered as countertrend at this point.

Oil

The upside move in the futures stalled today on the back of the USD finding support. We have also entered a resistance zone on the futures USD 101.50 – USD 101.64 (previous double bottom) resulting in price moving USD 1.52 lower to USD 98.08. Near-term price action has been bullish in recent day have potentially completed the Elliott wave bear cycle. However, we continue to remain cautious as price is yet to trade above the USD 104.59 resistance with the futures still below the daily EMA resistance band. As we enter the close the 1-hour technical is starting to find support due to the stochastic being oversold; however, if we trade below USD 96.63, we could see the futures come under further pressure. We think the wave cycle may have completed, but upside moves remain below key resistance levels meaning we could still extend to the downside.

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