

FIS European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	18850	19425	3.1%
Cape Q1 24	9400	9400	0.0%
Cape Cal 24	14450	14500	0.3%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Pmx 1 month forward	12750	12750	0.0%
Pmx Q1 24	9375	9250	-1.3%
Pmx Cal 24	11150	11150	0.0%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Smx 1 month forward	13100	13300	1.5%
Smx Q1 24	9175	9200	0.3%
Smx Cal 24	11075	11125	0.5%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Brent	86.26	90.07	4.4%
WTI	83.5	86.91	4.1%
Iron ore	114.9	114.15	-0.7%

Iron Ore

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Iron ore headed for a fourth weekly drop, the longest losing run in almost a year, on speculation that mills in China may reduce steel output as the property crisis drags on despite Beijing’s efforts to shore up the sector. Futures for the steelmaking material have shed 0.3% in Singapore this week, with inflation data from China on Friday amplifying concern about the prospects for growth in the world’s largest iron ore importer. Despite stimulatory measures, “the deepening crisis in China’s property markets is not boding well for bulks,” ANZ Group Holdings Ltd. analysts Daniel Hynes and Soni Kumari said in note. “This keeps steel demand prospects weak, increasing risk of narrowing profitability for steel producers.” (Bloomberg). Technically bearish on the morning reports, we have the move higher as countertrend on the intraday chart. We have seen a lower close on the weekly chart, as noted in the Bloomberg article. However, there has been a failure to highlight that we have seen a rejection candle with price closing the week at 114.29, USD 5.04 above the weekly low, with price in the upper 25% of the weekly range. This is warning that there is support in the market and does leave me a little cautious on this intraday technical at this point. We are at Fibonacci resistance but the downside move in the evening Asian session has held above the EMA support band. If we see a bullish close on the daily chart on Monday, then the USD 116.97 resistance will start to look very vulnerable, if broken, the technical will have a neutral bias.

Copper

Copper headed for a narrow weekly drop as stronger-than-expected US inflation and rising inventories added to headwinds. The bellwether metal traded near its key \$8,000-a-ton threshold Friday, putting it on course for a 0.5% weekly loss. The latest read on US consumer prices bolstered bets for more Federal Reserve interest-rate hikes in a year in which hawkish monetary policy has stoked fears over metals demand (Bloomberg). As noted on the morning report, in theory, the upside move in the futures looked to be countertrend; however, price was continuing to hold the support area around the USD 7,963 level, to move lower we need to see a clean break. The futures have sold lower with price at USD 7,954 going into the close. We are below support, but the break is not yet clean; However, the 7,867 support is looking more vulnerable than it was this morning.

Capesize

The index is USD 406 higher today at USD 27,591. The November futures responded by moving USD 575 higher in the afternoon session due to the discount of around USD 8k with the index, we close the week at USD 19,425. Technically we are bullish with a neutral bias in relation to the intraday Elliott wave cycle. However, we were neutral this morning as the RSI was near 50 with the EMA’s all flat, whilst price was between key support and resistance. It is a bear week and the close is lower than last week. However, the futures are starting to consolidate a little around these levels on the weekly chart. The deep pullback suggests we should be cautious on upside moves, but equally, the 8k discount to the index would imply it is a high risk sell. Neutral still at this end.

Panamax

The index is another USD 229 lower today at USD 12,768. The November futures are in bearish trending environment, but in divergence, suggesting caution. We opened lower, tested the 61.8% Fibonacci projection, held support, and closed the day unchanged at USD 12,750. In hindsight, it was a logical move going into a Friday afternoon, the divergence suggests uncertainty, so we have moved higher to close the week at an equilibrium to the index. A cautious bear, due to the divergence, it is a weak close on the week, if we move lower on Monday, the USD 11,625 support will start to look vulnerable.

Supramax

We started to see a momentum slowdown yesterday in the index and continue to do so today, price is USD 21 higher at USD 13,950. The futures have seen limited price action today, we opened with light bid support and remained unchanged for the rest of the session, the futures closed the day USD 200 higher at USD 13,300. Technically we are bearish and in divergence; however, as noted in the morning technical, the futures are above a key support and the 200-period EMA, suggesting caution at this point.

Oil

Oil prices surged Friday morning after the Treasury Department sanctioned two shipping companies for violating a \$60-per-barrel price cap on Russian crude, and as violence in Israel continues to stoke concerns of a broader regional conflict. Brent crude, the international benchmark, climbed nearly 4 percent to \$89 per barrel. The U.S. benchmark, West Texas Intermediate crude, climbed 4.2 percent to \$86 per barrel. The sanctions are the first penalties intended to enforce what experts say is a widely flouted rule. The price cap was put in place starting in December 2022 with the intent of starving the Russian economy and war machine of oil revenue amid President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine. It is backed by a coalition that includes the Group of Seven nations — Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States — as well as the European Union (Bloomberg). Bearish with a neutral bias in the morning report. We noted that the futures were starting to trade above the Apex of the symmetrical triangle, warning that resistance levels could be tested and broken. With tensions rising into the weekend in the Middle East the futures are USD 3.93 higher at USD 89.93 going into the close. As you all well know, the longer-term directional bias will not be technically related in the near-term; however, the market will give you signals on short term price action moves stull, as highlighted by the move above the Apex this morning.

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