



European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change		Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	14175	14625	3.2%	Pmx 1 month forward	10600	11125	5.0%
Cape Q1 24	8575	8625	0.6%	Pmx Q1 24	9175	9425	2.7%
Cape Cal 24	13950	13937.5	-0.1%	Pmx Cal 24	10925	11050	1.1%

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Smx 1 month forward	10950	11350	3.7%	Brent	81.41	79.53	-2.3%
Smx Q1 24	9187.5	9550	3.9%	WTI	77.13	75.29	-2.4%
Smx Cal 24	10925	11150	2.1%	Iron ore	122.3	124.4	1.7%

Iron ore

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Iron ore surged to a seven-month high after a report that Beijing wants one of its biggest insurance firms to help prop up embattled property developer Country Garden Holdings Co. China has asked Ping An Insurance Group to take a controlling stake in Country Garden, according to Reuters. The insurance firm denied the report. China's protracted real estate crisis has weighed on the nation's demand for steel, and its main ingredient, iron ore. Any measures to support the sector typically lift iron ore prices as concerns ease over the outlook for consumption (Bloomberg). The futures moved higher on the back of the headline this morning with price remaining elevated into the close. The Dec contract is currently trading at USD 124.35 with the RSI now in divergence. As noted this morning, we look to be on an Elliott wave 5; however, our oscillator cross was marginal, if we remain elevated then we could be looking at an extended wave 3, meaning downside moves will be countertrend. If we fail to hold it will warn we could be about to enter a more sustained corrective phase. This technical is still unclear and needs clarity.

Copper

The futures did have another push higher this morning after the Country Garden Holdings Co. headline, pushing price above the USD 8,216 resistance. However, we have since sold lower with price back testing the USD 8,138 support, if it is breached again, it will warn that the USD 8,115 and USD 8,076 support levels will be vulnerable. We are bullish due to price trading back above the USD 8,216 level this morning; however, with the RSI rejecting its MA alongside price testing support, the technical suggests we move lower.

Capesize

The index reversed today with price USD 904 lower at USD 19,222. The futures traded below the USD 13,675 level on the open warning that the USD 13,000 support could be tested and broken. However, we took a more neutral approach in the morning technical, as momentum was supported, warning we could still move higher within this countertrend move. The RSI did hold above its moving average (as highlighted in the morning chart), resulting in the futures reversing early gains to close the day USD 450 higher at USD 14,625. We continue to maintain our view that upside moves look to be countertrend.

Panamax

We have seen another positive index today with price USD 153 higher at USD 11,895. We noted in the morning report that the futures remained technically bearish with upside moves considered as countertrend based on our intraday Elliott wave cycle; however, the downside rejection yesterday alongside momentum support warned that resistance levels remained vulnerable in the near-term. The December futures have continued to move higher with price testing the base of the Fibonacci resistance zone at USD 11,178, the MA on the RSI continues to imply that momentum is supported in the near-term. Key resistance is unchanged at USD 12,200, a move above this level will warn that the probability of the futures trading to a new high will start to decrease.

Supramax

The Index turned today with price USD 73.00 higher at USD 12,139. The Dec futures have responded by closing USD 400 higher at USD 11,350. For more information on the technical, please click on the link. Supramax Technical Report 08/11/23 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/FIS-SUPRAMAX-4-PAGE-TECHNICAL-REPORT-08-11-23.pdf>

Oil

Oil extended declines as traders digested multiple indicators of weakening demand and braced for more clues from Federal Reserve officials on the path for interest rates. Global benchmark Brent dropped more than 2% on an intraday basis on Wednesday, briefly dipping below \$80 a barrel for the first time since July, before rebounding. US benchmark West Texas Intermediate declined as much as 2.5% to below \$76 a barrel, following a 4.3% decline on Tuesday. As the risk premium from the Israel-Hamas has faded in recent weeks, traders' focus has shifted to demand, which has shown signs of softening. In China — the world's biggest crude importer — refining margins are shrinking; oil and fuel stockpiles are swelling, and air travel still has yet to rebound sharply. In the wider economy, business and consumer confidence remain low despite government efforts to juice growth (Bloomberg). The move lower in Brent this morning resulted in the near-term divergence failing, indicating we were seeing a downside extension in the Elliott wave cycle, this also implied that upside moves should be considered as countertrend at this point. The futures continue to move lower with price closing the day at USD 79.50, down USD 2.10. We maintain our view that upside moves should be considered as countertrend at this point.

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