

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	17800	20875	17.3%
Cape Q1 24	13375	14875	11.2%
Cape Cal 24	17025	17875	5.0%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Pmx 1 month forward	15325	16375	6.9%
Pmx Q1 24	13762.5	14350	4.3%
Pmx Cal 24	13400	13700	2.2%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Smx 1 month forward	17300	16475	-4.8%
Smx Q1 24	13600	14350	5.5%
Smx Cal 24	13175	13700	4.0%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Brent	82.85	81.13	-2.1%
WTI	75.61	76.28	0.9%
Iron ore	129.75	131.15	1.1%

Iron ore

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Iron ore was poised to end its longest stretch of gains for 2023 with its first weekly loss in six, as the demand outlook turns increasingly gloomy. The steelmaking material defied predictions of a slump by surging more than 20% in the five weeks through Nov. 23, buoyed by Beijing's efforts to support its struggling steel-intensive property sector through measures including bond issuance and easing lending criteria. This week it came back to earth, with the onset of colder weather in China signalling a seasonal slowdown in construction activity (Bloomberg). The futures have ended the week with little price movement in the evening session. We remain below key resistance but above the 34-55 period EMA's. For more in formation on the technical, please click on the link. Iron Ore Dec 23 (rolling Front Month) 01/12/23 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/FIS-Iron-Ore-Technical-01-12-23.pdf>

Copper

Copper advanced to the highest level in three months as bets on a pivot by the Federal Reserve and the looming shutdown of a large mine in Panama emboldened bulls. The metal rose as much as 1.2% on Friday, tracking a rally in European and Chinese stock markets after an unexpected pickup in the country's manufacturing activity. Bets on an early shift to monetary loosening in the US next year is also aiding sentiment as inflation continues to cool (Bloomberg). This article is clearly going to be recycled until we stop moving higher, so we will give you the technical perspective. As noted this morning, the futures had started to consolidate near their highs with intraday Elliott wave analysis suggesting that we had a potential upside target at USD 8,614. However, we remained conscious of a negative divergence in pay that warned we could see a momentum slowdown. We have continued to move higher with price closing the day at USD 8,556 (up USD 91.5) with price still in divergence. We maintain an upside target at USD 8,614 but continue to have a noted of caution.

Capesize

I think the moral of the week is never stand in front of a bull Capesize trend. The index is another USD 5,046 higher today at USD 51,727. We were kind enough to do the two Capesize technical this morning, the rolling front month which is currently unreadable and makes no sense, and the Jan 24 outright. Naturally, we are going to focus on the second report. We noted in the Jan 24 technical, the trend was bullish with downside moves considered as countertrend. However, there was a minor negative divergence in play that warned we could see a momentum slowdown which needed to be monitored. The futures have continued to move up with price closing the day USD 3,075 higher at USD 20,875 (up USD 1,600 from the morning report). However, the futures remain in divergence, which we will continue to monitor. From an Elliott wave perspective, we have the potential to trade as high as USD 22.450 in the near-term with downside moves still considered as countertrend.

Panamx

Another big index today with price USD 1,092 higher at USD 19,731. We noted this morning that the lower timeframe oscillator had crossed suggesting that the pullback was now confirmed as the one that we were looking for. The technical remains bullish with the Jan futures closing up USD 1,025 at USD 16,350. We maintain our view based on Elliott wave analysis that downside moves should still be considered as countertrend at this point. We have a potential upside target at this point at USD 19,043 but we are not closing off to further wave extensions at this point, as the oscillator cross was minimal, meaning if we stay elevated for long enough, we could extend.

Supramax

The index is another USD 700 higher today at USD 16,378. The futures rolled this morning created a downside move which put the futures between the 8-21 period EMA's. However, like the Panamax, we have downside moves as countertrend at this point. The pullback is not deep enough to be the pullback that we are looking for on the lower timeframe oscillators; however, this could change on Monday morning. We close the day in the Jan contract USD 1,225 higher at USD 16,475.

Oil

Oil steadied as traders firmed up views that the OPEC+ output cuts announced Thursday will have a limited effect on the market. West Texas Intermediate was little changed at about \$76 a barrel, following a 2.4% slide in the previous session. The alliance announced roughly 900,000 barrels a day of fresh output cuts next year, but the curbs are voluntary, with Angola already rejecting its quota. Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, said it will prolong its separate 1 million barrel-a-day reduction through the first quarter (Bloomberg). We moved lower on the roll this morning with the futures finding light bid support into the close. For more information on the technical, please click on the link. FIS Technical – Brent Feb 24 01/12/23 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/FIS-Oil-Technical-Report-01-12-23.pdf>

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