



European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change		Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	17875	18375	2.8%	Pmx 1 month forward	14600	14875	1.9%
Cape Q1 24	14050	14200	1.1%	Pmx Q1 24	14000	14325	2.3%
Cape Cal 24	17875	18050	1.0%	Pmx Cal 24	13825	14050	1.6%

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Smx 1 month forward	14300	14475	1.2%	Brent	79.27	79.93	0.8%
Smx Q1 24	13750	13900	1.1%	WTI	73.58	74.66	1.5%
Smx Cal 24	13400	13600	1.5%	Iron ore	132.4	134	1.2%

Index

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Iron ore moved higher for the first time in four sessions as traders weighed demand prospects for early next year. The steelmaking ingredient has wavered in recent days amid mixed signals from China's government over what it will do to shore up economic growth. A Wednesday report from the state-owned Securities Times said authorities will ramp up fiscal and monetary policy support for the economy in the new year. Near-term expectations for better macro-economic conditions are supporting demand for the steelmaking ingredient, Yongan Futures Ltd. said in a note, but it also noted that steel mills were buying the raw material only for immediate needs (Bloomberg). The Jan contract is moving higher with the MA on the RSI suggesting momentum is supported, warning the USD 136.35 fractal high is vulnerable. However, our technical view remains unchanged, a new high will create another negative divergence with the RSI, meaning we continue to have a cautious view on upside moves.

Copper

As noted in the morning report. The intraday Elliott wave cycle was bearish with a neutral bias, but the upside move consisted of 5 waves, implying it was bullish impulse. This suggested that the USD 8,640 fractal high should be tested and broken. We have traded to a new high with price in divergence with the RSI, not a sell signal, it does warn of a momentum slowdown and will need to be monitored. We are still bullish but have a note of caution due to the divergence.

Capesize

The index is USD 1,658 lower today at USD 29,278. The technical is bullish but in a corrective phase with price starting to base above the USD 17,450 support. Going into the close, intraday price and momentum remain aligned to the sell side, if it turns to the buyside tomorrow, then resistance levels could come under pressure. Likewise, a move below USD 16,306 will mean that the probability of the futures trading to a new high will start to decrease.

Panamax

A small move to the upside in the index today with price only USD 21 higher at USD 15,916. Like the index, we have seen little price movement today with the Jan futures USD 275 higher at USD 14,875. We remain bearish with price and momentum continuing to conflict at this point, key support is unchanged at USD 13,878. If we hold above this level, we could see another move higher; however, if broken we have the potential to trade to new lows.

Supramax

The index is another USD 128 lower at USD 15,363. Like the Panamax the Jan futures have seen light bid support and close the day USD 175 higher at USD 14,475. For more information on the technical, please click on the link. Supramax Technical Report 20/12/23 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/FIS-SUPRAMAX-4-PAGE-TECHNICAL-REPORT-20-12-23.pdf>

Oil

Any EIA data-driven weakness for oil is proving short-lived as concerns over disruptions to tanker traffic through the Red Sea provide broader support for prices. That's likely to continue for some time, even though the volumes of crude impacted are likely to be a lot smaller than many fear. The build in US crude stockpiles -- commercial inventories rose by ~3 million barrels -- was the first in three weeks and helped set the scene for an initially bearish reaction to the latest numbers. An increase in the amount held in tanks at the vital Cushing, Okla., storage hub, where inventories rose again to the highest level since August, didn't help (Bloomberg Markets Live). The futures have seen a small move higher today; however, it could prove to be significant as we have breached the USD 80.51 resistance, the probability of the futures trading to a new low has started to decrease.

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