

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	12300	11800	-4.1%
Cape Q2 24	17975	17500	-2.6%
Cape Cal 25	17500	17250	-1.4%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Pmx 1 month forward	10825	10375	-4.2%
Pmx Q2 24	13525	13225	-2.2%
Pmx Cal 25	11900	11750	-1.3%

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Smx 1 month forward	10925	10475	-4.1%
Smx Q2 24	13225	12875	-2.6%
Smx Cal 25	11975	11725	-2.1%

	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Brent	76.27	77.83	2.0%
WTI	70.92	72.48	2.2%
Iron ore	137.85	137.4	-0.3%

Iron Ore

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Iron ore fell for a fourth day, with fresh data from China showing the nation's struggling steel-intensive property sector remains in the doldrums. Other industrial metals were mixed. Futures of the steelmaking material in Singapore fell to the lowest in almost three weeks. New home sales across eight key Chinese cities almost halved in the week to Jan. 7, according a Mys-teel report, citing its in-house survey. Iron ore stormed past an 18-month high last month due optimism over China's economic recovery and hopes Beijing would mete out more stimulus policies. Those hopes are now being tempered, as seasonally soft demand weighs on market sentiment (Bloomberg). We noted in the morning report that the futures were starting to consolidate within a bearish flag pattern, if we broke to the downside it would warn that support levels could be tested and broken. We have broken to the downside with the Feb futures closing USD 2.46 lower at USD 135.30, just 10 cents off their low. Technically we remain bearish with the MA on the RSI warning that momentum remains weak.

Copper

Technically bearish in the morning report with upside moves considered as countertrend. We had a note of caution as a move below USD 8,377.5 had the potential to create further divergences with the RSI. The futures have rejected the EMA resistance band again to trade to new lows with the RSI now testing support, if broken, then it will indicate that we could have further downside within this corrective move. We maintain our view that upside moves look like they will be countertrend.

Capesize

The index came under further pressure today with price USD 2,910 lower at USD 26,941. The downside move in the futures has broken the USD 11,800 fractal low, resulting in the RSI creating a positive divergence. As noted in the morning report, this was not a buy signal, but it did warn we could see a momentum slowdown. We traded to a low of USD 11,000 in the morning session before closing USD 500 lower at USD 11,800. We remain bearish going into the close but continue to have a note of caution due to the positive divergence that is in play.

Panamax

Another weak index today with price USD 639 lower at USD 12,474. The Feb futures opened lower but consolidated for the remainder of the session, to close the Day USD 450 lower at USD 10,375. For more information on the technical, please click on the link. Panamax Technical Report 09/01/24 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/FIS-PANAMAX-4-PAGE-TECHNICAL-REPORT-09-01-24.pdf>

## Supramax

We continue to sell lower on the index with price down USD 358 at USD 12,780. We noted in the morning report that the MA on the RSI was starting to flatten a little, with the RSI still in divergence, warning we could be seeing a momentum slowdown. However, based on our intraday Elliott wave analysis, upside moves looked like they could be countertrend. The Feb contract is closing the day USD 450 lower at USD 10,475, which is USD 100 lower than when the morning report went out. We maintain a cautious view on downside moves due to the slowing momentum indicators, but still consider upside moves as potentially countertrend, based on the intraday Elliott wave cycle.

## Oil

Key oil-market gauges are signaling that crude's rebound from its biggest drop in more than a month is reflecting a stronger underlying physical market, bolstering futures' attempt to break out of their recent trading range. The US benchmark's prompt spread, a critical barometer for supply and demand, hovered at the strongest level since November. In the options market, some traders are betting that the worst of oil's early-year malaise may be over, with contracts that would profit from a rally above \$110 in June futures changing hands in large volumes (Bloomberg). Bearish with a neutral bias in the morning report, the rejection of the daily EMA resistance band and the 200-period intraday MA had warned that support levels could be vulnerable, suggesting the buy-side support on the open could struggle to hold. We have moved another 60 cents higher to close the day up USD 1.88 at USD 78.00. From a technical perspective we remain cautious on the upside move today due to the daily resistance band.

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