



# European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change		Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	12625	13625	7.9%	Pmx 1 month forward	13200	13550	2.7%
Cape Q2 24	17775	18875	6.2%	Pmx Q2 24	15250	15600	2.3%
Cape Cal 25	17400	17625	1.3%	Pmx Cal 25	12400	12625	1.8%

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Smx 1 month forward	12675	12925	2.0%	Brent	79.89	79.59	-0.4%
Smx Q2 24	14625	15000	2.6%	WTI	75.01	74.47	-0.7%
Smx Cal 25	12575	12475	-0.8%	Iron ore	128.85	132.25	2.6%

## Iron Ore

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Iron ore climbed more than 2%, extending recent gains, as investors eyed prospects for improved steel demand in top consumer China after the Lunar New Year holiday in mid-February. Chinese Premier Li Qiang called on Monday for more rigorous and effective measures to stabilize the slumping stock market and improve the economic recovery. Ebbing economic confidence and continuing weakness in real estate have kept commodities prices subdued (Bloomberg). The Feb futures continued to move higher on the back of the momentum support highlighted in the morning report. We traded up to USD 133.15 before selling a little lower in the Asian evening session, to close the day at USD 131.95. Momentum continues to remain supported; warning resistance levels are still vulnerable. However, based on our intraday Elliott wave analysis, we maintain our view that upside moves look like they could be countertrend.

## Copper

We noted last week that the futures were no longer considered a technical sell due to the divergence in play. This has resulted in price trading back above the EMA resistance band with the MA on the RSI implying that momentum remains supported at this point, leaving resistance levels vulnerable. However, our intraday wave analysis identifies a bearish 5-wave pattern lower, suggesting that the current upside move looks to be countertrend. If we do trade above USD 8,555 then the probability of the futures trading to new low will start to decrease, warning that the bearish wave cycle could fail.

## Capesize

Having seen a slowdown yesterday, the index corrected today with price USD 1,430 lower at USD 17,412. We were technically bullish in the Feb futures in the morning report; we noted that market buyers needed to defend the USD 11,644 level, as it was starting to look vulnerable, if broken we could see the USD 9,825 fractal low come under pressure. However, if support held, and the futures closed on the 4-hour candle above the USD 12,619 it would warn that the USD 13,033 pivot level could be tested and broken. We held support, price moved higher to close the at USD 13,625, which is USD 1,750 above the day's low. More importantly, we are going to close above the weekly pivot level (USD 13,083), if we can hold above it tomorrow, then the USD 15,175 fractal high will start to look vulnerable.

## Panamax

The index came in USD 327 higher at USD 13,177, which was a little better than expected. The Feb futures had sold lower on the open, but post index the futures reversed the early losses to close the day USD 350 higher at USD 13,550. We have a technical report today, which highlights that a move above USD 14,000 will create an intraday divergence, suggesting caution on a new high. I should have mentioned the bullish flag from the morning report, so will just make a quick note there to say that we have broken it to the upside. For more information on the technical, please click on the link. Panamax Technical Report 23/01/24 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/FIS-PANAMAX-4-PAGE-TECHNICAL-REPORT-23-01-24.pdf>

## Supramax

A lower index yesterday has been followed with price coming in USD 57 higher at USD 11,358. We were neutral on the report this morning, the Feb contract was selling lower having rejected the 200-period MA on the intraday chart; however, we were testing the 55-period intraday EMA and the 200-period daily (USD 12,398 – USD 12,305) the breakout was pretty straightforward on the downside, whilst a close above the weekly pivot at USD 12,441 would warn that resistance could come under pressure. We held support with price moving higher to trade back up to the 200-period intraday MA into the close. We remain neutral, but the USD 13,188 resistance is starting to look vulnerable.

## Oil

Having moved higher yesterday the futures opened a little lower in the Asian session but soon found light bid support. However, we moved lower on the European open, found bid support on the U.S open, before closing around 50 cents lower on the day at USD 79.56. Technically nothing has changed, we are above the 200-period weekly average with open interest support. However, I maintain my view that price action continues to look weak, meaning we remain vulnerable to a move lower.

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