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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change		Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	27375	30350	10.9%	Pmx 1 month forward	15425	15975	3.6%
Cape Q2 24	28375	30500	7.5%	Pmx Q2 24	17050	17600	3.2%
Cape Cal 25	21300	21875	2.7%	Pmx Cal 25	13675	13750	0.5%

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Smx 1 month forward	15125	15225	0.7%	Brent	83.13	83.59	0.6%
Smx Q2 24	15975	16175	1.3%	WTI	78.52	78.69	0.2%
Smx Cal 25	12975	12975	0.0%	Iron ore	117.4	116.2	-1.0%

Iron Ore Source FIS/Bloomberg

Iron ore resumed its slide, as investors remained undecided about the strength of China's demand for steel ahead of the nation's usual peak construction season. Futures for the steelmaking ingredient fell as much as 1.8%, and erased most of Tuesday's gains. Market expectations remain shaky for the demand outlook in March and April, when construction is expected to pick up with the onset of warmer weather (Bloomberg). The March futures have seen a small move lower in the Asian evening session with price and momentum continuing to conflict. As noted in the morning session., we remain cautious on moves below USD 113.60, as a new low will create a positive divergence with the RSI.

Copper

The futures have seen a small move lower this afternoon with price finding support on the intraday 200-period MA (USD 8,423). The MA on the RSI continues to suggest that momentum remains weak; however, based on the intraday Elliott wave analysis, we maintain our view that downside moves look to be countertrend.

Capesize

A big index today with price coming in USD 3,086 higher at USD 29,823. We noted on the close report last night that if the futures followed the 18-min Elliott wave cycle than we had a potential to trade as high as USD 29,560. It was a big open, the futures gapped higher with price trading above our upside target from the start, resulting in the March contract closing USD 2,975 higher at USD 30,350. Going into the close, we have a marginal divergence still in play; however, we roll tomorrow with the April valued at USD 31,175. If the April opens at these levels and stays supported, or moves higher, then the divergence could fail. If it does, then we are looking at wave extension, meaning downside moves will be countertrend. Likewise, if we sell lower on the open, then we have a note of caution due to the divergence being in play. Note: the index RSI is now at 64, if we move above and hold above this level tomorrow, it will signal upside continuation in the index. With April trading at a small premium, it would suggest that we could have upside potential from here.

Panamax

Momentum is now increasing on the index with price USD 421 higher at USD 13,310. The March futures gapped higher on the open due to the Capesize strength but initially came under pressure; however, post index we caught a bid to close USD 550 higher at USD 15,975. We noted yesterday in the weekly technical that the futures were in divergence; however, the roll tomorrow will mean we will be looking at some form of Elliott wave extension. The April contract is USD 2,000 higher than the March, I cannot say if it will be an extension to this phase of the cycle, or if it means there is a larger bull cycle in play. We will need possibly a day or so for the oscillators to catch up, at this point I will have a better idea of the longer-term directional bias.

Supramax

Another steady move in the index today with price USD 210 higher at USD 13,626. The futures had a quieter day in terms of price action, we opened with light bid support but stayed in a USD 350 range, to close the day USD 100 higher at USD 15,552. The futures are consolidating with price potentially having completed its upside wave cycle at this point; however, the Roll into April means we should break the consolidation to the upside, as the current high id USD 15,625. The April closed today at USD 16,475, implying there will be some form of wave extension. Once rolled, the futures will need to hold above the USD 15,625 level to avoid going back into consolidation.





We maintained a more neutral view in oil again this morning as price remained around the 200-period MA. Having sold lower in the Asian day session the futures traded to a high of USD 84.31 before selling back to yesterdays closing levels (closed USD 83.65 current value USD 83.72), meaning we maintain a neutral bias.

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