



# European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change		Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	31500	34250	8.7%	Pmx 1 month forward	19750	19950	1.0%
Cape Q2 24	30500	31750	4.1%	Pmx Q2 24	18900	18975	0.4%
Cape Cal 25	21000	21175	0.8%	Pmx Cal 25	13300	13475	1.3%

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Smx 1 month forward	16425	16700	1.7%	Brent	85.35	86.54	1.4%
Smx Q2 24	16125	16425	1.9%	WTI	81	82.4	1.7%
Smx Cal 25	12700	12775	0.6%	Iron ore	99.6	104	4.4%

Iron ore

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Having caught a bid in the Asian day session in what looked to be a countertrend move due to the Elliott wave extension, the April futures have stagnated during the Asian evening session just below the EMA resistance band at USD 103.40. Technically we are unchanged and maintain our view that there should in theory be further downside within this cycle.

Copper

Copper hit a fresh 11-month high in London, tracking a rally in US equity markets at the start of a busy week for global central-bank policy. Prices climbed as much as 1% to \$9,164.50 a ton on the London Metal Exchange, recovering from losses seen earlier after mixed economic data from China. Copper surged last week, ending a months-long spell of inertia, as investors honed in on risks to supply at mines and smelters, along with a generally more positive global economic outlook (Bloomberg). Bullish with downside moves considered as countertrend in the morning report, we had a note of caution due to the negative divergence on the 1-and-2-hour charts. We have moved higher, but remain in divergence on both timeframes, meaning we maintain a cautious view going into the close.

Capesize

The index turned again today with price USD 579 higher at USD 33,911. The futures opened with bid support across the board with a strong upside move on the open. We have remained supported for the remainder of the session with the April contract closing USD 2,750 higher at USD 34,250. For more information on the technical, please click on the link. Capesize Technical Report 18/03/24 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/FIS-CAPESIZE-4-PAGE-TECHNICAL-REPORT-18-03-24.pdf>

Panamax

The index is another USD 579 higher today at USD 19,349. Like the Capes, the April futures opened with bid support to trade to a high of USD 20,625. However, post index we have seen bids fade to close the day USD 300 higher at USD 20,050. Technically we remain bullish but in divergence with the RSI, warning we could see a momentum slowdown; however, we noted in the morning report previously, that with the wave 3 being shorter than the wave 1, we could still yet trade above the USD 21,000 level. Not a good close for market bulls as we have a small rejection candle on the daily chart warning that we could see a move lower tomorrow. If we do trade above the high of the rejection candle (USD 20,625) it will indicate bull support in the market, warning the USD 21k level could be tested and broken. Bullish, but a note of caution due to the rejection candle and divergence.

## Supramax

We are another USD 132 higher in the index today at USD 14,717. We noted in the morning report that the move above USD 16,692 on the open means that the technical is back in bullish territory, meaning the USD 17,500 fractal high is now vulnerable. The April futures have remained supported for the remainder of the session to close the day USD 300 higher at USD 16,725. We maintain our view that fractal resistance remains vulnerable at this point.

## Oil

Oil climbed to a four-month high as Ukrainian drone attacks on Russian refineries heightened geopolitical risks and key Chinese economic data beat estimates. West Texas Intermediate climbed as much as 1.3% to top \$82, building on last week's 3.9% advance. China's factory output and investment grew more strongly than expected at the start of the year, and the nation refined a record amount of crude, figures on Monday showed (Bloomberg). I think the question on oil is, do you follow the technical or the threat to Russian refinery's? If it is technical, then the futures were in divergence on the one-hour chart in the morning report, warning we could see a momentum slow-down. We do have an upside target as high as USD 87.45 within this phase of the cycle; however, due to the divergence with the RSI remaining in play, we maintain a note of caution going into the EU close. If you are not trading the technical, then your expectancy will be for a move higher and the divergence to fail.

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