

FIS European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change		Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	21050	21625	2.7%	Pmx 1 month forward	14825	14725	-0.7%
Cape Q4 24	26750	27125	1.4%	Pmx Q4 24	15700	15725	0.2%
Cape Cal 25	21675	21800	0.6%	Pmx Cal 25	13675	13700	0.2%
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Smx 1 month forward	15225	15350	0.8%	Brent	80.55	79.45	-1.4%
Smx Q4 24	15300	15475	1.1%	WTI	76.44	75.49	-1.2%
Smx Cal 25	13400	13450	0.4%	Iron ore	102.4	102.15	-0.2%

Source FIS/Bloomberg

Technically bearish this morning, momentum was supported, implying that we could see further upside in the corrective phase. The August futures have sold USD 0.94 lower than this morning to close at USD 100.95, having rejected the EMA resistance band. The MA on the RSI continues to suggest that we have light momentum support; however, our intraday Elliott wave analysis implies that upside moves look to be countertrend.

Copper

Copper retreated, closing in again on \$9,000 a ton, as traders awaited the outcome of a Politburo meeting in China for guidance on potential stimulus. Industrial metals have tumbled this month, pressured by poor data from China, the top consumer. A pullback in artificial-intelligence equities — seen as a significant source of future copper demand — has also sapped sentiment. So far, Beijing’s measures to support growth have disappointed markets, despite the issuance of special debt that traders hope could signal more infrastructure spending. China’s central bank unexpectedly cut two different interest rates last week, though that did little to boost metals (Bloomberg). Bearish with upside moves considered as countertrend this morning, the futures were consolidating in the intraday resistance area that formed between the 23rd-24th of this month. We noted that a downside move below USD 8,991 would warn that we could be in the early stages of a bearish impulse Elliott wave 5. The futures have sold to a low 8,984 this afternoon, meaning key support has been breached, warning that the USD 8,900 fractal low is starting to look vulnerable. We close the day USD 96.00 lower at USD 9,015.

Capesize

We are seeing a slowdown in the index with price only USD 265 lower today at USD 21,411. We noted this morning that the August futures were finding light bid support on the back of a positive divergence with the RSI, implying the futures were overextended to the downside. Having traded to a high of USD 21,850 we close the day USD 575 higher at USD 21,625. For more information on the technical, please click on the link. Capesize Technical Report 29/07/24 <https://fisapp.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/FIS-CAPESIZE-4-PAGE-TECHNICAL-REPORT-29-07-24.pdf>

Panamax

The index continues to slow with price only USD 7.00 higher at USD 14,796. We noted this morning that the August futures were holding above the USD 14,495 support, if broken then the USD 13,875 fractal low would start to look vulnerable. We highlighted that the MA on the RSI warned of light momentum weakness; however, as noted previously, we remained cautious on downside moves. We have seen little price movement since the morning report with the futures USD 100 lower on the day at USD 14,725. Our technical view remains unchanged.

Supramax

Having turned on Friday the index is another USD 30 lower at USD 15,216 today. The August contract opened with bid support this morning having held above the USD 15,180 level. We traded to a high of USD 15,450 before seeing bids fade little late on to close the day USD 125 higher at USD 15,350. However, we close the day above the 200-period MA (USD 15,322), if we can hold above this average, it will further support a buyer's argument. Price and momentum are still conflicting on the close, as noted this morning, this will need to become aligned to the buyside for resistance levels to come under pressure.

Oil

Brent crude slumped below \$80 a barrel for the first time since June 10, driven by algorithmic trading and signs of poor demand from China, the world's top oil importer. Commodity trading advisers have been dumping their bullish positions after futures dipped below key support levels. China recorded its slowest economic growth in five quarters in the three months through June, and the International Energy Agency has cited the slowdown as a major factor in weaker global oil consumption growth (Bloomberg). We noted this morning that the futures were moving lower warning that the USD 80.09 fractal low was vulnerable, this was in line with the Elliott wave cycle. However, we continued to have a note of caution on downside moves as the longer-term average was still in play. The futures have sold to a new low in line with the wave cycle warning we could trade as low as USD 77.85 within this phase of the cycle. The technical is now getting interesting, we are below the weekly 200-period MA; however, the intraday futures are now divergent.

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