

FIS European Close

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	Previous Close	Current Close	% Change		Previous Close	Current Close	% Change
Cape 1 month forward	24625	25237.5	2.5%	Pmx 1 month forward	14125	14025	-0.7%
Cape Q4 24	26750	26875	0.5%	Pmx Q4 24	14975	14875	-0.7%
Cape Cal 25	21700	21750	0.2%	Pmx Cal 25	13400	13350	-0.4%
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Smx 1 month forward	14850	15000	1.0%	Brent	78.55	79.01	0.6%
Smx Q4 24	15000	15025	0.2%	WTI	75.47	76.11	0.8%
Smx Cal 25	13175	13150	-0.2%	Iron ore	101.05	99.95	-1.1%

I will be on vacation from tomorrow afternoon for two weeks. There will be no technical reports or close reports from me during this period. Source FIS/Bloomberg

Iron Ore

Having sold lower in the Asian day session, the Sep futures have found light bid support this afternoon to close USD 0.49 higher at USD 99.95. The MA on the RSI indicates that momentum remains weak, whilst the depth of the pullback continues to suggest that the USD 98.00 fractal low is vulnerable.

Copper

Copper steadied near the lowest level in almost five months, as signs of a worsening global economy dimmed the outlook for demand. Industrial commodities have been on a downhill trend for months. An index tracking six major metals on the London Metal Exchange has fallen 19% since peaking in May, almost erasing 2024's gains. This week's retreat from risk assets, which wiped billions off global markets, has exacerbated the decline for metals like copper. Heightened fears about a potential US recession have added to concerns over tepid activity in China's manufacturing sector (Bloomberg). Sideways action for most of the session before trading higher late on, we are up USD 24.00 on the day at USD 8,793.5 going into the European close. The futures traded to a low of USD 8,716, meaning the USD 8,714 fractal low has yet to be broken. We maintain our view that upside moves should be considered as countertrend at this point, but remain cautious on downside breakouts below USD 8,714, as the futures will be back in divergence.

Capesize

Having seen small moves higher for the last three session the index came in USD 113 lower at USD 20,396 today. The September futures failed to hold above the 200-period MA yesterday, resulting in a technical pullback that created a dark cloud cover candle pattern. We noted this morning that the futures could see a move lower due to the pattern, whilst a close below the USD 24,000 level would indicate weakness on the higher timeframe. Having sold to a low of USD 24,375 the futures have found bid support post index to close the day USD 612.5 higher at USD 25,237. We have the same issue on the close today as we had yesterday morning, we remain below the 200-period MA (USD 25,468). A close above that holds above the average will further support a buyer's argument, failure to do so will leave the futures vulnerable to a technical pullback. Due to the gap higher, it is dangerous to try and read an intraday Elliott wave cycle at this point. However, we do have concerns that the futures could be in divergence on a lower timeframe above USD 25,875, meaning we could struggle to hold above the longer-term average. We are a cautious on upside breakouts.

Supramax

A small slowdown today, the index is only USD 73 lower at USD 14,324. The Sep futures traded to a low of USD 14,675 this morning, before finding bid support, to close the day USD 150 higher at USD 15,000. This is a bit of a complex technical today, as we have a bullish rejection candle on the daily chart; however, on the intraday move lower, the last wave down was greater than 161.8% than that of the previous wave, meaning it was bearish impulse. In theory, this upside move looks like it should be countertrend, if we do trade above USD 15,269, then the probability of the futures trading to a new low will start to decrease.

Oil

Oil rose, extending its rebound from a recent plunge, with traders still glued to fluctuations in wider markets and tensions in the Middle East. West Texas Intermediate advanced about 1% to trade near \$76 a barrel. Israel continues to brace for an attack from Iran, though comments from the Iranian president during a phone call with his French counterpart hinted at a diplomatic path to de-escalation. Oil has regrouped after slumping to a seven-month low on Monday amid a rout in global equity markets. A halt to crude production from Libya's biggest field has helped underpin the gains, while a rare cross-border attack by Ukrainian troops into Russia added to geopolitical tensions (Bloomberg). The Elliott wave cycle is a psychological footprint of the market, if Iran does retaliate against the assassination and attack Israel, then the wave bearish wave cycle will likely fail. We are bearish with upside moves considered as countertrend, if we trade above USD 79.51, then the probability of the futures trading to a new low will start to decrease. The futures are USD 0.62 higher at USD 78.95, with the MA on the RSI indicating that momentum is supported. I have a neutral view, as Brent feels like it is moving away from the technical for now.

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