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FLAT PRICE

Dec'24 Brent futures flat price weakened this afternoon, dipping from \$74.40/bbl at 12:00 BST to \$73.60/bbl at 16:10 BST, but recovering slightly to \$74.15/bbl at 17:00 BST (time of writing). Price action dipped after the IEA's Executive Director, Fatih Birol, told Bloomberg in an interview that global oil demand is "much weaker than previous years" and "we expect this will continue because of one word – China". Birol continued that there may be "some spikes" in oil prices due to Middle East tensions but asserted there would be no issues with "the availability of oil." In the news today, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has departed for the Middle East to kickstart ceasefire negotiations following the death of Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar, according to Reuters. The US State Department has said Blinken's first destination is Israel but did not specify other countries on the itinerary. In other news, Iraq's Kerbala refinery, with a capacity of 140kb/d, is set to resume operations on Tuesday after completing maintenance work, as per the Iraqi Oil Ministry. Finally, the newly inaugurated Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto is looking to revive the country's oil and gas industry, as per Reuters. Indonesia plans to cut regulations and reactivate idle wells while tapping into gas discoveries in Southern Andaman to enhance output. At the time of writing, the front-month (Dec/Jan'25) and six-month (Dec/Jun'25) Brent futures spreads are at \$0.33/bbl and \$1.39/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

A very quiet afternoon in Dated, with Nov DFL offered down to \$0.02/bbl and Dec DFL traded down to \$0.04/bbl. Nov/Dec was also offered from -\$0.01/bbl to -\$0.04/bbl. In terms of structures, we saw refiner selling of Cal Oct 18-24 Oct at \$2.04/bbl and 22-23 Oct vs 29-30 Oct at -\$0.05/bbl. There also was more trade house selling of 28-1 Oct 1 week roll at -\$0.07/bbl. In the physical window, we saw a Geneva trade house offering Forties in the middle of the curve, however, the physical diff was left unchanged. In paper, things also softened with Nov DFL trading down to flat and Nov/Dec Dated trading down to \$0.31/bbl. In terms of CFDs we saw interest in 4-8 Nov CFD which traded at -\$0.10/bbl. Post-window, the Nov DFL was bid up to \$0.03/bbl and Dec DFL reached highs of \$0.08/bbl.

FUEL

In VLSFO, it was a fairly quiet afternoon on Sing 0.5. There was some buying on both Nov and Dec Sing crack earlier on this afternoon, this combined with some strength from the Euro crack saw the Nov Sing crack trade up to \$13.40/bbl from \$13.20/bbl. Sing spreads were a touch better offered down the curve, however, we saw very little price action as a result, with Nov/Dec Sing trading around \$10.50/mt. A stronger afternoon on Euro 0.5, where we saw both cracks and spreads well bid. The Nov Euro crack bought up to \$5.35/bbl from \$5.15/bbl. Structure was well bid down the curve, however there wasn't much price action as a result, with Nov/Dec Euro trading up a tick to \$9.00/mt.

In HSFO, Chinese arbers were sellers of deferred 380 flat price this afternoon, however it was a very volatile afternoon on the 380 E/W, which resulted in the front 380 crack trading between -\$5.90/bbl and -\$5.65/bbl. Structure was slightly more stable on 380, with Nov/Dec 380 trading between \$10.00/mt and \$10.25/mt. The barge crack continued to strengthen this afternoon, with Nov being bought up to -\$5.80/bbl from -\$6.15/bbl. Barge structure was supported by the crack rally, with Nov/Dec barges buying up to \$18.00/mt from \$17.25/mt. As mentioned, it was a volatile afternoon on the 380 E/W, however, the Nov 380 E/W was largely weaker due to barge crack strength, trading down to -\$1.00/mt from \$1.25/mt.



DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the Sing gasoil spreads continued to rally at the front, the Nov/Dec and Dec/Jan to \$0.35/mt and -\$0.02/mt as did the E/W, the Nov and Dec to -\$21.25/mt and -\$24.25/mt. The prompt regrade continued to rally to highs of \$0.67/bbl early in the afternoon before trading back down to \$0.54/bbl in the window. The kero spreads similarly rallied before coming off later in the session, the Nov/Dec to \$0.42/mt.

The ICE gasoil spreads were rangebound, the Nov/Dec and Dec/Jan trading at \$0.75/mt and -\$2.25/mt, as was the crack, the Q4 at \$14.65/mt. The European jet fuel diffs strengthened a tick, the Nov to \$45.00/mt and Dec to \$48.25/mt. The Nov/Dec heating oil spread came off in the early afternoon as the deferred tenors were rangebound. The HOGOs also remained supported, the Q4 at 8.6 c/gal.

GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline, we saw flat price trade at the end of the window equivalent to \$7.35/bbl on a crack basis in Nov EBOB. Nov EBOB cracks were offered as they weakened from \$7.90/bbl to \$7.30/bbl before seeing buying at \$7.60/bbl post-window as Cal'25 cracks were bid up to \$8.20/bbl. Nov/Dec EBOB traded up from \$17.25/mt to \$18.50/mt as Dec/Jan initially softened to \$1.75/mt where buying came in trading back up to \$2.25/mt. Nov arbs weakened to 4.45 c/gal from 5.05 c/gal as Dec RBBRs were offered from a high of \$9.75/bbl to \$8.97/bbl in the window. Nov E/W saw little action valued at -\$2.60/bbl with Nov 92 cracks trading at \$4.75/bbl as Nov/Dec saw further selling to \$0.20/bbl and Dec/Jan traded down to flat.

NAPHTHA

A quieter afternoon in naphtha, with flat price trading at the end of the window at -\$2.35/bbl on a crack equivalent. The prompt crack traded up to -\$2.30/bbl during the window before coming off post down to -\$2.50/bbl. Nov/Dec continued to be valued at \$3.75/mt this afternoon but was lifted at \$4.00/mt during the window. E/W remained strongly bid into the afternoon with value at \$23.50/mt before coming off slightly to trade at \$23.25/mt. There was little action on MOPJ this afternoon, but the implied prompt crack value was +\$0.30/bbl end of window before weakening back to flat on NWE crack selling. Spreads also saw little interest this afternoon but Nov/Dec did weaken to \$4.75/mt from trading at \$5.00/mt earlier today.

NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, LST initially broadly unchanged but weakened on a crude percentage basis in the afternoon, alongside spreads falling, as crude also slid. LST spreads ended weaker with Nov/Dec trading down from -1.25 c/gal to -1.5 c/gal, Dec/Jan unchanged at -1 c/gal, while Q1'25/Q2'25 traded up to 4.875 c/gal at the open but traded back down to unchanged at 4.75 c/gal as spreads weakened. Butane was even weaker than LST, with Nov C4/C3 implied down to 30.75 c/gal, while butane spreads continued to fall as Nov/Dec traded down to 1.375 c/gal and Dec/Jan trading at 1.75 c/gal but implied lower. Arbs were initially lower with LST weakness, with Nov LST/FEI trading down to -\$266.00/mt and Dec at -\$254.00/mt, but were better bid post-european window as LST slightly recovered and internationals weakened with Nov LST/FEI implied up to -\$264.00/mt. FEI spreads weakened in the afternoon with Nov/Dec trading down to \$4.50/mt, Dec/Jan at \$10.00/mt and offered on, and Jan/Feb at \$13.50/mt. E/W was unchanged with Nov continuing to trade at \$67.00/mt. FEI/CP implied lower at \$28.00/mt in Nov amid lower crude and FEI weakness. NWE saw a bid and offer in the physical window, with large cargoes CIF Flushing left at Nov +1/+20.



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