



# EUROPEAN WINDOW

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## FLAT PRICE

The Dec'24 Brent futures contract saw sustained strength this afternoon, trading at \$74.82/bbl at 12:00 BST and reaching \$76.20/bbl at 17:45 BST (time of writing). Price action was on the rise this afternoon as the Chinese Ministry of Commerce lifted its crude oil import quota for 2025 by 6% to 5.14mb/d, as per Reuters. In the news today, the IMF has lifted their 2024 growth forecast for the US by 0.2% to 2.8% but has cut the forecast for China by 0.2% to 4.8%, citing continued weakness in the property sector and low consumer confidence. The IMF's 2025 China growth forecast was unchanged at 4.5%. In other news, Chinese demand for natural gas is set to jump by more than 50% by 2040 and reach 100m tons in LNG imports very soon, according to an executive at Cheniere Energy, Yingying Zhou, in a statement at the Asia Gas Markets conference. Finally, a Bloomberg report revealed that the US is monitoring shadow fleets in Southeast Asia, posing safety and environmental hazards. Malaysian coasts currently harbour the largest cluster of shadow fleet tankers, where ship-to-ship (STS) transfers are made to hide the origin of the oil. At the time of writing, the front-month (Dec/Jan'25) and six-month (Dec/Jun'25) Brent futures spreads are at \$0.50/bbl and \$1.77/bbl, respectively.

## CRUDE

This afternoon in Dated, we saw Nov DFL stay rangebound between \$0.13/bbl and \$0.16/bbl and Dec DFL traded up to \$0.16/bbl. There was refiner buy-side interest in 15-21 vs 25-29 Nov at \$0.13/bbl and 22-28 Oct vs 25-31 Oct traded at \$0.05/bbl. There was also trade house sell-side interest in 11-15 Cal Nov which traded at \$0.06/bbl and the 11-15 Nov 3 week roll which traded at \$0.30/bbl. In the physical window nothing traded. In paper, things went bid with Nov DFL reaching highs of \$0.19/bbl and Dec DFL reaching highs of \$0.18/bbl. In terms of CFDs, we saw 18-22 Nov CFD trade up from \$0.10/bbl to \$0.11/bbl and 4-8 Nov CFD up to \$0.10/bbl. The 11-15 Nov CFD traded at \$0.15/bbl. Post-window we saw both Nov and Dec DFL offered down to \$0.16/bbl.

This afternoon in Dubai, we did not observe BD keeping pace with the rally in flat price. Nov BD and Dec BD remained unchanged and traded within tight ranges of \$1.24/bbl to \$1.26/bbl and \$1.15/bbl to \$1.18/bbl, respectively, currently trading at \$1.26/bbl and \$1.17/bbl. We observed interest in BD boxes, with the Nov/Dec BD box still trading relatively high at \$0.09/bbl and the Dec/Jan BD box trading at -\$0.09/bbl. Dubai spreads moved slightly higher, with the Nov/Dec Dubai spread trading from \$0.32/bbl to \$0.35/bbl and the Jan/Feb spread being offered, which currently trades at \$0.25/bbl.

## FUEL

Strength in VLSFO continued this afternoon. The Nov Sing crack saw buying, trading up to \$14.05/bbl, from \$13.70/bbl towards the end of the window. It did come off somewhat post-window, due to Euro crack weakness, closing the day at \$13.90/bbl. Sing structure benefitted from the crack rally, with Nov/Dec Sing trading up to \$12.00/mt from \$11.75/mt. The Euro crack was supported by a stronger Sing crack this afternoon, with Nov initially buying up to \$6.15/bbl from \$5.80/bbl prior to the window, however it then came under pressure in the window due to MOC hedging, selling back down to \$5.80/bbl. Euro spreads were a touch weaker, with Nov/Dec Euro selling down to \$10.25/mt from \$10.75/mt.

The strength that has defined this week on HSFO continued this afternoon. Chinese arbers were initially sellers of Jan 380 flat price this afternoon, before switching to buyers on more deferred tenors. The buying supported the 380 crack, with Nov 380 crack having an implied price of -\$4.70/bbl to end the day. We also saw a rally supported by the crack, with Nov/Dec 380 buying up to \$11.50/mt from \$11.00/mt. The barge rally continued, with the front crack reaching close to all time highs. The Nov barge crack trading up to -\$3.00/bbl from -\$4.00/bbl. Barge spreads continued to rally off the back of crack strength, with Nov/Dec barges trading up to \$26.00/mt from \$25.00/mt. The relative strength of barges, put pressure on the 380 E/W. The Nov 380 E/W sold down to -\$10.75/mt from -\$8.00/mt in decent size.





## DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the Sing gasoil spreads continued to rally, with the Nov/Dec and Dec/Jan lifted to \$0.38/mt and flat respectively while the E/W continued to rally on 10ppm strength, the Nov to -\$21.00/mt and the Q1 to -\$24.75/mt. The Nov regrade was rangebound, last trading at \$0.41/bbl as the deferred tenors saw interest, the Q3'25 trading up to -\$0.36/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads were rangebound, having rallied this morning, the Nov/Dec and Dec/Jun at \$0.75/mt and -\$0.75/mt, respectively, as the cracks were similarly rangebound, the Q4 at \$14.00/mt. The European jet fuel diffs continued to rally into the window, the Nov to \$47.00/mt while the Nov/Dec roll traded at -\$3.00/mt. Heating oil spreads rallied into the afternoon, as did the HOGOs, the Q4'25 now at 9.2 c/gal.

## GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline, we saw flat price trade at the end of the window at \$8.00/bbl on a crack equivalent. Cracks continued to strengthen in the afternoon and were bid up, trading up to \$8.00/bbl end of window before coming off to trade at \$7.90/bbl after. Deferred cracks also saw buy-side interest with Q1'25 cracks getting lifted up to \$6.50/bbl from trading at \$6.20/bbl this morning. Nov/Dec found value at \$20.00/mt this afternoon as spreads were supported on prompt crack bids. Gasnaps were scale back offered this afternoon with Nov trading at \$47.00/mt just before the window, having firmed from this morning's value of \$43.00/mt. Arbs were also strong into the afternoon with Dec trading between 8.45 c/gal-8.55 c/gal just after the window as well as Jan arbs trading at 9.7c/gal post-window. RBBRs were bid through the window reaching up to \$9.46/bbl before coming off after. There was little price action in E/W this afternoon but Nov found value at -\$3.20/bbl and Dec traded at -\$1.00/bbl, coming off from previous highs in the morning of -\$0.80/bbl. Eastern cracks saw little action as well in the afternoon but were implied higher on stronger EBOB cracks despite E/W weakening from this morning. Spreads in 92 remained unchanged from this morning with Nov/Dec at \$0.20/bbl and Dec/Jan trading at flat.

## NAPHTHA

This afternoon in naphtha, we saw Nov NWE flat price valued at \$646.75/mt at the end of the window on a -\$2.80/bbl crack equivalent. NWE Nov cracks continued to weaken this afternoon trading down from -\$2.55/bbl to -\$2.85/bbl with Cal cracks seeing buying at -\$4.65/bbl. NWE Nov/Dec softened to \$4.50/mt from \$4.75/mt before trading back at \$4.50/mt post-window as Dec/Jan continued to be valued at \$4.25/mt. Nov E/W found support from this morning's levels trading up to \$22.50/mt with Nov MOPJ cracks weakening to -\$0.25/bbl as Dec/Jan MOPJ strengthened from \$5.25/mt to \$5.75/mt.

## NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, LST initially weakened on a crude percentage basis post-US open as bids in the physical were hit while structure broadly firmed as Nov/Dec traded unchanged at -1.5 c/gal, Dec/Jan at -1 c/gal, and Q1/Q2'25 implied around 4.75 c/gal. However, later in the afternoon LST recovered some of its losses alongside a rally in crude as the phys went better bid, with Nov/Dec trading up to -1.375 c/gal and Q1/Q2'25 trading at 4.875 c/gal. Butane was well bid in the phys and strengthened relative to LST with Nov C4/C3 implied up to 31.125 c/gal as Q1'25 traded at 22.5 c/gal, while prompt butane spreads also rose as Nov/Dec and Dec/Jan traded up to 1.75 c/gal. ENT/LST also rose today as ENT was well bid in the phys, with Nov trading at 1.75 c/gal and bid on. Arbs rose later in the afternoon as LST recovered in the afternoon with Q1'25 LST/FEI offers lifted at -\$224.00/mt, implying Nov LST/FEI up to -\$262.00/mt after trading -\$263.00/mt in the afternoon. Prompt FEI spreads weakened with Nov/Dec down at \$4.00/mt and Dec/Jan at \$9.00/mt. E/W was unchanged with Nov implied at \$66.00/mt. Meanwhile, FEI/CP recovered, implied around \$27.00/mt in Nov as crude rallied in the afternoon.



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