



FLAT PRICE

Jan'25 Brent futures flat price weakened this afternoon, falling from around \$71.90/bbl at 12:00 GMT and finding a floor around \$70.30/bbl at 15:30 GMT before rising to \$70.68/bbl at 17:30 GMT (time of writing). Crude oil prices faced downward pressure amid persistent concerns over weak Chinese demand, as well as reports of a scheduled meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and his ministers to discuss potential resolutions to the conflict in Lebanon, according to Axios. In the news today, an OilChem survey indicated that China plans to reduce fuel exports by 14.2% in November. Total fuel exports are projected at 2.54 million tons, with allocations for gasoil and kerosene down by 28% and 18% compared to October, respectively. In other news, Angola's Cabinda oil refinery is set to be commissioned between January and February, the CEO of Gemcorp has stated. Meanwhile, the first supplies of fuels are projected to reach local markets between March and April. The greenfield project will refine 30kb/d of Angolan Cabinda crude and supply 5-10% of the country's needs, according to Reuters. Finally, Phillips 66 plans to operate its refineries between the low to mid 90% range capacity in Q4'24, making for a combined capacity of 1.5mb/d, as per Reuters. At the time of writing, the front-month (Jan/Feb'25) and sixmonth (Jan/Jul'25) Brent futures spreads are at \$0.33/bbl and \$0.83/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

This afternoon in Dated, we saw Nov DFL offered down to lows of \$0.43/bbl and Dec DFL down to \$0.16/bbl. Nov/Dec DFL traded up to \$0.28/bbl. In terms of structures, we saw the 4-8 1w fly trade at -\$0.05/bbl and Nov 18-22 2 week roll trade at \$0.30/bbl. Pre-window, we also saw a Geneva trade house selling 2-6 Dec 1 week roll at \$0.14/bbl. In the physical window, we saw a Geneva trade house bidding for Forties and a British major offering Midland at the back of the curve. There were also trade houses offering Ekofisk and Forties towards the middle of the curve and the phys diff increased to around \$0.34/bbl. In paper, we saw Nov DFL trade at \$0.48/bbl and Dec DFL at \$0.17/bbl. In structures, we saw the 11-15 1 week roll trade up to \$0.40/bbl and the Dec 9-13 1 week roll at \$0.13/bbl. In CFDs, we saw the 4-8 Nov CFD bid up to \$0.65/bbl and the 25-29 Nov CFD was offered down from \$0.10/bbl to \$0.09/bbl. Post-window the Nov DFL was offered down to \$0.44/bbl and the Dec DFL down to \$0.14/bbl

This afternoon in Dubai, we saw continued weakness in the Brent/Dubai differential. Nov BD and Dec BD traded in ranges of \$1.00/bbl and \$1.09/bbl and \$0.83/bbl and \$0.88/bbl, respectively, and are currently trading at the lower end of the ranges, at \$1.02/bbl and \$0.84/bbl, respectively. BD boxes traded rangebound with the Nov/Dec BD box currently trading at \$0.17/bbl and the Dec/Jan BD box trading slightly lower, currently at -\$0.23/bbl. Dubai spreads traded lower, with the Nov/Dec spread trading from \$0.22/bbl to \$0.17/bbl and the Dec/Jan spread trading from \$0.44/bbl to \$0.42/bbl. We finally observed, in line with this morning, some buying interest in EFS.

FUEL

In VLSFO, a stronger afternoon on Sing 0.5. Structure was well bid down the curve, with the front spread seeing the most price action, trading up to \$13.50/mt. This was partially supported by selling on Dec Hi5 out of the US. The front crack also saw support, being bid up to \$14.30/bbl from \$13.55/bbl. The Euro crack was stronger off the back on the Sing rally, with the Nov Euro crack trading up to \$5.10/bbl from \$4.85/bbl. Euro spreads were a touch better offered to start the afternoon off, however this turned into buying, which saw the front Euro spread buy up to \$6.75/mt from \$6.00/mt.

In HSFO, Chinese arbers were not very active in the market this afternoon, which saw an uneventful afternoon on the 380 crack. The Nov 380 crack traded around -\$2.85/bbl for the majority of the afternoon. It was a similar story on 380 structure, with Nov/Dec 380 trading at \$18.25/mt without a clear axe in the market. The barge crack had a fairly volatile afternoon, the front crack was stronger in the earlier part of the afternoon, trading up to -\$2.55/bbl from -\$2.85/bbl, before selling back down to -\$2.90/bbl as a result of MOC hedging. The 380 E/W also experienced volatility as a result of the of the barge crack being so erratic. The Nov 380 E/W traded down to -\$0.50/mt on the barge crack strength, before rallying on the crack weakness, trading up to \$1.00/mt.

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DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the front Sing gasoil spreads were more rangebound as the Nov/Dec was hit down to \$0.62/mt as the Dec/Jun came off to -\$0.40/mt. The Nov E/W continued to come off to -\$12.25/mt before retracing to -\$11.50/mt as the Q1'25 came off to -\$20.75/mt. The prompt regrade rallied back to \$1.33/bbl before coming back off to \$1.25/bbl in the window as the Q1'26 traded at -\$0.02. The kero spreads similarly came off, the Nov/Dec and Dec/Jan to \$0.80/mt and \$0.60/mt.

The ICE gasoil spreads came off, the Nov/Dec and Dec/Jun to -\$1.00/mt and -\$2.25/mt, respectively, as the cracks rallied, the Q4'24 to \$15.20/bbl. The European jet fuel diffs continued to come off, the Nov to \$55.75/mt and the Q1'25 to \$51.00/mt. Heating oil spreads came off post-US open, as the HOGOs were rangebound, the Q4'24 at 9.2 c/gal.

GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline we saw flat price trade at the end of the window equivalent to \$6.95/bbl on a crack basis in Nov EBOB as MOC was offered. Nov EBOB cracks weakened pre-window to \$6.83/bbl before seeing buying back to \$7.00/bbl levels with Cal'25 cracks trading at \$8.10/bbl. Nov/Dec EBOB continued to be valued at \$13/mt with Dec/Jan trading at \$1.75/mt as Nov arbs weakened from this morning's levels to 6.45 c/gal and Q2'25 arbs seeing selling interest at 15 c/gal levels with Dec RBBRs coming off to \$9.12/bbl. Nov E/W strengthened from -\$2.95/bbl to -\$2.75/bbl as Nov 92 cracks traded at \$4.15/bbl and Nov/Dec 92 continued to see buying up to -\$0.18/bbl.

NAPHTHA

This afternoon in naphtha, we saw flat price trade at the end of the window at \$619/mt. The prompt crack traded range bound through the window between -\$0.95/bbl to -\$1.05/bbl and came off post-window to trade down to -\$1.10/bbl. Spreads were also strong in the afternoon with Nov/Dec finding value at \$8/mt and remaining supported there. E/W was lifted from this morning's lows of \$19/mt to be bid up to trade at \$19.50/mt pre-window as well as deferred interest in Q1'25, with Q1'25 getting lifted at \$20/mt. MOPJ flat price flow was slightly better bid this afternoon on stronger E/W but the Nov cracks implied value remained around +\$1.20/bbl through the window. Deferred spreads remained well bid this afternoon with Q3'25/Q4'25 seeing real buy-side interest with the spread trading at \$7.50/mt as well as the prompt spread remaining supported at \$6.25/mt.

NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, we saw LST being well bid with Nov/Dec trading at -0.5 c/gal and Dec/Jan trade at -0.375 c/gal throughout the afternoon as flat price improved on a crude percentage basis. In deferred, Q1/Q2'25 was sticky during the afternoon, trading around 5.625 c/gal. Prompt butane spreads were also rangebound a with Nov/Dec traded between 3.125 c/gal and 3 c/gal along with Dec/Jan trading at 2.25 c/gal, with C4/C3 ENT weakening on LST strength to around 30.75 c/gal in Nov post-European window. Arbs were well bid at the front with Nov trading from -\$227.50/mt to -\$224/mt post-window. In deferred, Q1'25 traded from -\$202/mt to -\$198/mt and Q3'25 trading down to -\$173.50/mt, owing to LST strength. With arb rolls bid, FEI spreads were slightly weaker with Nov/Dec trading from \$3.50/mt down to \$3.25/mt. E/W was weaker owing to NWE strength, with Nov NWE flat price trading up from \$570/mt to \$577/mt and the front spread lifted at \$13/mt. Nov E/W traded at \$56.50/mt post-European window although the physical window was quiet. FEI/CP also weakened as crude came off with Nov implied at \$13.50/mt amid continued Nov CP buying up to \$620/mt handles.

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