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FLAT PRICE

The Jan'25 Brent futures contract rallied from \$74.25/bbl at 12:00 GMT today up to \$75.70/bbl just after 17:30 GMT (time of writing). Crude oil prices rose amid expectations of a 25 basis point Fed rate cut to be announced at 19:00 GMT tonight. Earlier today, the Bank of England cut interest rates by 25 bps from 5% to 4.75%. In the news today, Hezbollah lawmaker Ibrahim al-Moussawi said that the Lebanese group welcomes any effort to stop the conflict but does not pin hopes for a ceasefire on any particular US administration, as stated in a Reuters report. In other news, China's crude oil imports remain low in October at 10.53mb/d (-9% y/y), marking the sixth straight month where oil imports have fallen compared to the same months in 2023, according to data from the General Administration of Customs. This follows reduced capacity at PetroChina's largest refinery in Dalian and weak demand from independent Chinese refiners. Finally, Ghana's crude oil output has increased by 10.7% y/y in the first six months of 2024, at 24.9mb for June 2024, the country's Public Interest and Accountability Committee (PIAC) reported. The increase was primarily driven by Tullow Oil's Jubilee South East (JSE) project, which commenced production in late 2023, as per Reuters. At the time of writing, the Jan/Feb'25 and Jan/Jul'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.37/bbl and \$1.44/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

This afternoon in Dated, we saw the Balmo DFL trade at \$0.10/bbl and the Dec DFL offered down to \$0.10/bbl from \$0.15/bbl. We also saw sell-side interest in Dec/Jan Dated which traded at \$0.36/bbl down to \$0.32/bbl. In terms of structures, there was refiner selling of Cal Dec 16-20 Dec at \$0.04/bbl and the Nov 25-29 DFL traded at flat. There was also trade house interest in the 11-15 1 week roll at \$0.06/bbl. In the physical window, we saw an American major and a Geneva trade house offering Midland towards the back of the curve and a Chinese refiner bidding Forties. The physical diff was offered down to around \$0.40/bbl. In paper, things went very bid with the 25-29 Nov 3 week roll getting lifted up to \$0.32/bbl and the 25-29 Nov DFL traded up to \$0.19/bbl. In CFDs, we saw the 11-15 Nov CFD trade from \$0.10/bbl to \$0.25/bbl and the 18-22 Nov CFD was bid up to \$0.15/bbl. The Dec DFL traded up to \$0.18/bbl and the Balmo DFL was lifted up to \$0.30/bbl. Post window, things continued to go bid with the Dec DFL trading up to \$0.27/bbl and the Balmo DFL up to \$0.32/bbl.

FUEL

In VLSFO, there was buying early on in the afternoon on the Sing crack which saw positive price action, with Dec Sing crack buying up to \$11.95/mt from \$11.80/mt. Structure was independently supported into 2025, with Dec/Jan Sing trading up to \$8.75/mt from \$8.50/mt. Euro cracks were initially stronger off the back of Sing strength, with Dec Euro crack trading up to \$4.60/bbl from \$4.45/bbl, before coming off towards the end of the day due to MOC hedging, closing the day at \$4.50/bbl. Euro structure followed a similar pattern, with Dec/Jan Euro trading up to \$4.75/mt before selling back down to where it opened the day, at \$4.50/mt.

In HSFO, Chinese arbiters were buying of deferred 380 flat price this afternoon, which lent support to the 380 crack, with Dec 380 crack buying up to -\$7.25/bbl from -\$7.40/bbl. This supported the 380 spreads, with Dec/Jan 380 trading up a tick to \$6.50/mt from \$6.25/mt. The barge crack also enjoyed buying this afternoon, with Dec barge crack buying up to -\$8.90/bbl from -\$9.15/bbl. The crack rally supported barge structure, with Dec/Jan barges trading up to \$5.25/mt from \$5.00/mt. The 380 E/W experienced outright buying, with Dec trading up to \$10.00/mt from \$9.25/mt.



DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the Sing gasoil spreads came off across the curve as the Dec/Jan was hit down to lows of \$0.32/mt as the Jan/Mar traded down to \$0.03/mt. The Dec E/W rallied back to -\$17.25/mt post-window as the Q1'25 was lifted to -\$20.00/mt. Regrade was rangebound, the Dec trading between \$0.90/bbl and \$0.92/bbl.

The ICE gasoil spreads continued to come off before rallying post-US open, the Dec/Jun and Nov/Dec to \$5.25/mt and \$0.50/mt, respectively. The European jet diffs were rangebound, the Dec trading up a tick to \$52.75/mt as the Q3'25 traded at \$51.50/mt. Heating oil spreads similarly rallied post-US open, as did the HOGOs, the Q4'24 to 10c/gal.

GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline, we saw flat price trade at the end of the window at \$6.55/bbl on a crack equivalent, with matching offered this afternoon. The prompt crack came off earlier highs of \$6.70/bbl this afternoon to trade around \$6.55/bbl while we still saw supported deferred buying with Q1'25 trading at \$7.00/bbl and Q3'25 lifted at \$10.80/bbl post-window. Dec/Jan was supported at \$3.25/mt this afternoon and deferred spreads saw buy-side interest with Jan/May lifted at -\$44/mt during the window. RBBRs were better bid initially this afternoon rallying from lows of \$9.30/bbl to \$9.63/bbl before trading rangebound through the rest of the afternoon around \$9.40-9.60/bbl. Arbs strengthened in the afternoon on stronger RBBRs with Dec trading up to 8.10c/gal during the window, up from earlier lows of 7.5c/gal, but found selling at those levels end of window to trade down to 7.9c/gal post-window as well as Q2'25 selling at 15.2c/gal. Gasnaps were stronger in the afternoon with Q2'25 trading at 101/mt post-window and Dec valued at 36.50/mt with real interest on both sides. E/W remained firm in the afternoon with Dec valued at -\$0.90/bbl. Dec 92 cracks also came off earlier highs of \$5.75/bbl to trade rangebound this afternoon between \$5.60/bbl-\$5.70/bbl while spreads saw little price action this afternoon, but Dec/Jan was valued at \$0.18/bbl.

NAPHTHA

This afternoon in naphtha, we saw Dec NWE flat price valued at \$640.50/mt at the end of the window on a -\$2.75/bbl crack equivalent. NWE Dec cracks weakened from -\$2.60/bbl to -\$2.85/bbl in the window on stronger crude before seeing buying back to -\$2.75/bbl as Q1'25 cracks came off from -\$3.15/bbl to -\$3.40/bbl. Dec/Jan softened to \$4.25/mt on weaker front cracks with Jan/Feb trading from \$5.50/mt to \$5.25/mt as the Q1/Q2'25 crack roll saw buying at \$1.20/bbl levels and Q2/Q4'25 was bid at \$0.70/bbl. E/W saw no trading activity with indicated value at \$20.50/mt in Dec as Q1'25 MOPJ cracks weakened to -\$1.30/bbl from -\$1.15/bbl. Eastern spreads saw little activity with Jan/Feb continuing to trade at \$5.75/mt.

NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, at the US open bids were hit in the physical and LST weakened on a crude percentage basis at the front of the curve. Prompt spreads were initially unchanged then weakened towards the second half of the afternoon, whilst deferred strengthened a touch. In prompt, Dec/Jan traded down to -0.375c/gal whilst Q1/Q2'25 traded up to 5.375c/gal. Butane was also supported out of Q1 as Q1/Q2'25 spreads were bid upto 13.375c/gal, however, the front spreads were weaker with Dec/Jan trading down to 3c/gal, with Dec C4/C3 implied unchanged at 33c/gal. Fund selling in prompt Dec FEI contract kept arbs supported despite softer LST for most of the afternoon. Once taken out FEI/MOPJ buying on higher crude at -\$35/mt handles in Q1'25 helped the arb soften from -\$209/mt to -\$211/mt end window in Dec LST/FEI. Europe was once again supported Dec/Jan traded at \$13/mt and E/W traded at \$62/mt in Dec.



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