



# EUROPEAN WINDOW

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## FLAT PRICE

The Feb'25 Brent futures contract fell this afternoon from a high of \$71.60/bbl at around 12:30 GMT down to \$70.85/bbl at 15:30 GMT as support was seen at the lower Bollinger band and the prompt rose to \$71.25/bbl at 17:30 GMT (time of writing). Oil supplies from Russia to the Czech Republic via the Druzhba pipeline restarted today after flows were interrupted earlier this week. "Oil supplies were restored this morning, and oil is flowing again through the Druzhba pipeline to the Czech Republic," Unipetrol's chief executive Mariusz Wnuk said in a post of the company on X (Twitter). Analysts at Barclays have said the oil market may be too pessimistic, as they believe tighter supply-demand dynamics could emerge by 2025 and support higher prices, with 2026 expected to be even tighter. Barclays predicts Brent is more likely to stay above \$70/bbl than fall below unless there's a significant drop in Iranian output. The US added 227,000 jobs in November, beating expectations, while unemployment rose to 4.2%. Growth was led by healthcare, hospitality, and manufacturing, though retail lost 28,000 jobs. Revised data showed stronger gains in September and October, supporting expectations for a Fed rate cut. At the time of writing, the Feb/Mar'25 and Feb/Aug'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.33/bbl and \$1.16/bbl, respectively.

## CRUDE

This afternoon in Dated, we saw the Jan'25 DFL offered down to \$0.33/bbl and the balmo DFL down to \$0.84/bbl. We also saw the 13-17 Jan 1 week roll trade up to \$0.14/bbl and the 9-13 Dec cal Jan traded at \$1.16/bbl. The 9-13 Dec cal Dec traded down to -\$0.10/bbl. In the physical window, we saw 6 cargos traded with a Geneva trade house and French major buying across grades from a Norwegian major. The Midland and Oseberg cargos traded at curve, and the physical diff was left unchanged. In paper, we saw the Jan'25 DFL trade at \$0.33/bbl and the balmo DFL lifted up to \$0.88/bbl. In CFDs, the 23-27 Dec CFDs traded at \$0.45/bbl down to \$0.44/bbl and the 16-20 Dec CFD traded at \$0.64/bbl up to \$0.65/bbl. The 6-10 Jan CFD again saw interest and traded at \$0.40/bbl. Post window was quiet with Jan/Feb'25 Dated trading at \$0.42/bbl

## FUEL

In HSFO, Chinese arbiters were buyers of 380 flat price this afternoon, which supported the front 380 crack a touch, with Jan 380 crack trading up to -\$5.80/bbl from -\$5.90/bbl. The weakness seen this morning on 380 structure slowed into the afternoon, with spreads having a fairly stable afternoon. Jan/Feb 380 traded at \$2.50/mt throughout the afternoon. Barges enjoyed a slightly stronger afternoon, with the front crack trading up to -\$6.20/bbl from -\$6.40/bbl. Structure was stronger as a result, with Jan/Feb barges trading up to \$4.50/mt from \$4.00/mt. The 380 E/W was a touch weaker off the back of barge strength, with Jan trading down to \$2.50/mt from \$3.00/mt.

In VLSFO, it was a quiet afternoon to end the week in Sing 0.5. The market was fairly mixed on cracks with the Jan Sing crack trading between \$10.40/bbl and \$10.45/bbl. Interest in Sing structure was more from the offer side, with Jan/Feb Sing being offered down a tick to \$2.75/mt. Euro 0.5 was weaker, with structure offered into 2025 with Jan/Feb Euro offered down to \$4.00/mt from \$4.50/mt. The structure weakness put pressure on the crack, with the Jan Euro crack selling down to \$4.40/bbl from \$4.55/bbl.





## DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the Sing gasoil spreads came off across the curve with the Jan/Feb getting hit down on screen to \$0.19/bbl as the Jun/Sep traded to -\$0.10/bbl. The prompt E/W continued to rally to -\$12.75/mt as the Q2'26 saw interest trading at -\$12.25/mt. Regrade continued to come off, the Jan to \$0.05/bbl while the kero spreads similarly came off, the Jan/Feb and Feb/Mar to \$0.30/bbl and \$0.22/bbl respectively.

ICE gasoil spreads continued to tick lower, the Dec/Jun to \$5.75/mt as did the front cracks, the Q1'25 to \$16.00/bbl. The European jet diffs were rangebound, the Cal'25 seeing interest, trading at \$50.00/mt. Heating oil spreads were similarly rangebound, as were the HOGOs, the Q1'25 at 6.9c/gal.

## GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline, we saw Jan EBOB flat price valued at \$652.25/mt at the end of the window, equivalent to \$7.35/bbl on a crack basis as MOC was offered. Jan EBOB cracks were offered as they weakened from this morning's levels of \$7.65/bbl but cal crack buying came in at \$9.40/bbl as Jan/Mar EBOB came off to -\$10.25/mt from -\$9.75/mt on weaker front cracks. Jan arbs traded up to 5.70c/gal as Feb RBBRS rallied from \$9.20/bbl to \$9.50/bbl before softening to \$9.10/bbl in the window as arbs weakened to 5.45c/gal. Jan E/W was valued at flat with Q1 seeing selling at -\$0.85/bbl as 92 cracks also weakened as they traded down to \$7.35/bbl in Jan. 92 cracks saw little trading but continued to soften as Jan/Feb traded at \$0.26/bbl and Feb/Mar at \$0.28/bbl.

## NAPHTHA

This afternoon in naphtha we saw flat price trade at the end of the window at -\$3.80/bbl on a crack equivalent. The front crack strengthened this afternoon on weaker crude, with Jan cracks trading at -\$3.80/bbl end of the window and continuing to be bid up to -\$3.65/bbl post window with real interest on the buy side. Spreads firmed into the window as the phys window was better bid today, with Jan/Feb trading at \$3.25/mt post-window, up on the day from the \$2.00/mt value pre-Sing window. E/W remained firm at \$21/mt this afternoon with smalls getting lifted at \$21.25/mt as crude strengthened again. There was little action in MOPJ this afternoon but we saw some petchem flat price buying and Jan/Feb firm to trade at \$4.00/mt.

## NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, LST weakened on a crude percentage basis with spreads in prompt weakening, whilst deferred was broadly unchanged. In the prompt, Jan/Feb and Feb/Mar traded down to -0.25c/gal and 2c/gal, respectively, whilst in deferred, Q3/Q4 traded at the same levels at -1.625c/gal; post window, Jan/Feb gained support at -0.125c/gal. Arbs weakened in both prompt and deferred, with Jan and Q1 trading down to -\$203/mt and -\$195/mt, respectively, whilst E/W was unchanged, with Jan implied at \$64/mt. FEI spreads were unchanged in prompt but slightly weaker in deferred with Jan/Feb trading at \$7/mt and Q2/Q3 trading down to \$8.5/mt; FEI/CP weakened with Jan implied lower at -\$16.25/mt. Butane was better bid in the afternoon, with Jan C4/C3 trading up to 29c/gal, whilst spreads were broadly unchanged, with Mar/Apr trading at 4.25c/gal.



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