



FLAT PRICE

The Feb'25 Brent futures flat price initially saw a decline this afternoon from around \$74.10/bbl at 12:00 GMT to \$73.60/bbl at 14:05 GMT, before recovering to \$74.40/bbl at 17:50 GMT (time of writing). Bullish sentiment has persisted as Russia launched an extensive aerial attack today on Ukraine's power grid, using 93 missiles and nearly 200 drones, as per Reuters. Ukrainian officials stated six unspecified energy facilities were damaged in the western region of Lviv, in addition to serious damage to thermal power plants, according to DTEK, Ukraine's largest energy provider. In other news, the presidential decree banning Russian companies from selling oil and petroleum products at the price cap set by the G7 countries has been extended until the end of June 2025, according to Russian news agency Interfax. Finally, US-based Kosmos Energy said it is in early preliminary discussions to buy Tullow Oil, with a view to potentially expanding their African oil assets. Kosmos currently has oil production and exploration assets in basins offshore Ghana and Equatorial Guinea, while Tullow Oil owns offshore production platforms in Ghana, Gabon and Cote d'Ivoire. At the time of writing, the Feb/Mar'25 and Feb/Aug'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.39/bbl and \$1.67/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

This afternoon in Dated Brent, we saw the Jan'25 DFL trade at \$0.27/bbl and the Bal-Dec'24 DFL traded down to \$0.58/bbl from \$0.60/bbl.in structures. The Bal-Dec'24 30-6 Jan roll trade at \$0.34/bbl and the 2-15 Jan Cal Jan roll at \$0.13/bbl. In the physical window, we saw a European major bidding Midland against a Norwegian major at curve. We also saw a Geneva trade house bidding Forties, however, Midland as offered below curve and the physical diff remained more or less unchanged. There was also a British major offering Ekofisk aggressively at the back of the curve. In paper, we saw prompt CFDs go offered in 16-20 Dec however the 6-10 Jan CFD traded up to \$0.31/bbl and the 30-3 Dec CFD up to \$0.42/bbl. We also saw the 13-17 Jan CFD trade up to \$0.21/bbl. Post-window was quiet, with the Jan'25 DFL trading at \$0.30/bbl and the Feb'25 DFL trading at \$0.16/bbl.

FUEL

This afternoon in HSFO, we saw Chinese arbers on the buy-side of Jan'25 380 flat price in Jan'25 and Mar'25 380 spreads continued to see support for the majority of the afternoon, however, Jan/Feb'25 ticked down to see some selling at \$2.75/mt. Jan'25 3.5% barge cracks remained supported to -\$5.40/bbl handles in the Euro window, as Jan/Feb'25 3.5% barges traded up from \$5.50/mt to \$6/mt. 380 cracks continued to be supported up to -\$4.90/bbl handles, before softening into the Euro window, as E/W saw some selling down to \$2/mt in Jan'25. We saw good buying in deferred E/W again today, with Q4'25 at \$4.25/mt. Banks were buyers of deferred 3.5% barge cracks this afternoon, at -\$10.25/bbl in Q4'25.

This afternoon in VLSFO, we had some buying interest from Chinese arbers in Sing 0.5 cracks, between \$9.50/bbl and \$9.55/bbl in Jan'25, however, we saw selling into the Euro window, with 0.5% E/W lower. Sing spreads remained unmoved this afternoon, seeing selling at \$1.50/mt in Jan/Feb'25 and \$2/mt in Feb/Mar'25. We saw some sell-side interest in deferred 0.5% E/W, in Q4'25 at \$34/mt, with little interest on deferred Sing cracks. Euro cracks ran into some selling in the Euro window, with Jan'25 cracks trading down to \$4.20/mt. Euro spreads saw little liquidity, with some buying on Jan/Feb'25 from \$3.75/mt to \$4/mt.

IDOW COMMENTAR

DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the front Sing gasoil spreads continued to rally with the Jan/Feb'25 lifted to highs of \$0.55/bbl while the prompt E/W came off to -\$13.75/mt post-window. Regrade continued to soften down the curve, the prompt to -\$0.60/bbl as the Q2'25 traded at -\$0.58/bbl.

The ICE gasoil spreads continued to rally, the Jan/Jul'25 to \$15.75/mt, as did the cracks, the Q1'25 trading at \$18.15/bbl. The NWE jet diffs rallied in the prompt, the Jan'25 to \$41.25/mt as the deferred remained rangebound, the Q4'25 trading at \$51.25/mt. Heating oil spreads also rallied for the afternoon as the HOGOs continued to come off, the Q1'25 to 7.4c/gal.

GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline, we saw the Jan'25 EBOB crack getting lifted at \$9/bbl during the window and deferred cracks saw buy-side interest with Q3'25 trading up to \$12.15/bbl post-window as well as two way Cal25 crack flow, lifted up to \$10.45/bbl post-window. In the front of the curve, spreads were balanced with Jan/Feb'25 trading at -\$3.75/mt end of window. Further down the curve, we saw Apr/Sep'25 lifted up to \$40.75/mt from \$40.25/mt value this morning as well as Sep/Oct'25 trading at \$36.5/mt from getting sold at \$35.75/mt this morning. As a result of barges trading stronger this morning, this pulled EBOB structure up. H1 2025 gasnaphs were well bid this afternoon by real players with Mar'25 getting lifted at \$83/mt during the window supporting more prompt structure. Arbs were weaker today driven by EBOB strength; the Jan'25 TA arb was sold down to 3.7c/gal post-window from trading at 4.2c/gal this morning as well as Q2'25 arbs being well offered around 12.75c/gal. RBBRs came off slightly during the window from trading around \$10.40/bbl to \$10.15/bbl. Jan'25 E/W recovered slightly from trading at lows of -\$0.35/bbl to -\$0.25/bbl end of window while eastern structure saw limited other action in the afternoon.

NAPHTHA

This afternoon in naphtha, we saw Jan'25 NWE flat price valued at \$620.75/mt at the end of the window on a -\$4.00/bbl crack equivalent. NWE Jan'25 cracks weakened slightly from -\$3.90/bbl to trade at -\$4.00/bbl for the rest of the afternoon as Cal'25 cracks saw bank buying from -\$5.10/bbl to -\$5.05/bbl. Jan/Feb'25 NWE saw buying up to \$3/mt from \$2.50/mt with Jan'25 E/W trading at \$22.25/mt before coming off to \$21.75/mt and Feb'25 continuing to be valued at \$20/mt. MOPJ cracks saw little trading as Feb'25 cracks saw buying at -\$1.60/bbl before softening to -\$1.70/bbl with Jan/Feb'25 MOPJ valued at \$4.50/mt.

NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, LST weakened with spreads being offered in prompt and deferred. In prompt, we saw Jan/Feb'25 and Feb/Mar'25 trade down to -0.375c/gal and 1.625c/gal, before Jan/Feb'25 was supported at -0.25c/gal levels; whilst in deferred, we saw Q1/Q2'25 and Q2/Q3'25 trade down to 4.25c/gal and 0.75c/gal, respectively. Arbs at US open were weak in prompt and deferred, with Jan'25 and Q2'25 trading at -\$201/mt and -\$181/mt, respectively. As the afternoon progressed, arbs continued to weaken with Jan'25 implied lower at -\$203.50/mt. FEI spreads were better bid in the afternoon with Jan/Apr'25 and Feb/Mar'25 trading to \$34.5/mt and \$14.5/mt, respectively. E/W opened unchanged during US open trading at \$55/mt, then during the window was better bid with Jan'25 trading at \$57/mt post-window. Butane was relatively quieter whilst spreads were trading rangebound, with Jan'25 C4/C3 trading up to 30c/gal. In prompt, we saw Jan/Feb'25 trade at 3.875c/gal, whilst deferred weakened slightly with Q1/Q2'25 trading down to 12.625c/gal.

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