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FLAT PRICE

The Mar'25 Brent futures flat price saw a volatile and choppy performance amid thinner liquidity on Tuesday, rising to \$73/bbl by 11:20 GMT before selling off by 60c within 15 mins, and is printing \$72.74/bbl at 13:15 GMT (time of writing). With trading volumes quieter during the holiday period, price action is expected to fluctuate around current levels in the short term, with traders in a tentative and wait-and-see mode ahead of the new year. In the news, Russian President Vladimir Putin has lifted a 2022 ban on transactions involving Rosneft shares, paving the way for potential sales, including stakes in German refineries, amid ongoing sanctions challenges and interest from Middle Eastern investors. Indian state refiners may turn to Middle Eastern spot crude to offset an 8-10mb shortfall in Russian oil for January, driven by rising Russian domestic demand and OPEC commitments, potentially raising costs due to less favourable economics. Indian Oil Corporation will invest 610 billion rupees (\$7 billion) in a naphtha cracker project in Paradip, Odisha, with an initial agreement expected to be signed in January, complementing its existing 300kb/d refinery in the region. Finally, the front (Feb/Mar) and 6-month (Feb/Aug) Brent futures spreads are at \$0.40/bbl and \$1.92/bbl respectively.

CRUDE

Window was mixed for Dated after a very slow day. We saw one Geneva tradehouse sellside of Jan structure throughout the day, before 2H Jan saw strength in the window, with 20-24 CFD well bid by French major and refiner, lifted at \$0.35/bbl. Jan DFL saw better strength throughout the day, strengthening from \$0.39/bbl to \$0.47/bbl by the end of the window.

FUEL

This afternoon in HSFO, we saw Chinese buyers of Jan 380 FP and sellers of Mar 380 FP. 380 cracks traded between -\$4/bbl and -\$3.85/bbl in Jan. Barge cracks were rangebound in the -\$4.90/bbl handles, with the front Jan EW seeing bids at \$6.50/mt this afternoon. 380 spreads saw some support, with bids coming in at \$4.75/mt and \$3.75/mt Jan/Feb and Feb/Mar respectively, as well as some buying in deferred spreads, \$6.25/mt in Jul/Aug. Barge spreads were quieter, with smalls trading on Jan/Feb at \$5.75/mt, and seeing some offers down to \$5.25/mt, and Feb/Mar trading at \$3.25/mt.

This afternoon in VLSFO, we saw Sing cracks trade between \$10.70/bbl and \$10.80/bbl. Front Sing spreads were a touch softer, as Jan/Feb saw offers down to \$3/mt, and we saw Feb/Mar trading at \$3.50/mt. Euro cracks saw some offerside interest in Jan down to \$4.70/bbl this afternoon in the Euro window. Jan/Feb Euro saw selling at \$4.50/mt today. 0.5 EW remained illiquid with some buying in Feb at \$38.25/mt, and some selling in Mar at \$38.25/mt. We saw little interest in deferred cracks this afternoon.



DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the Jan/Feb Sing gasoil spread saw some buying at lower levels, trading back up to \$0.54/bbl as the prompt EW remained rangebound, trading at lows of -\$14.00/mt. Regrade was similarly rangebound, trading up to -\$1.50/bbl from the lows of this morning as the Jan/Feb kero retraced higher on refiner buying to \$0.18/bbl.

The ICE gasoil spreads came off for the afternoon, the Jan/Jun to \$15.00/mt as the cracks continued to soften, the 1Q to \$17.25/bbl. Heating oil spreads came off at the front of the curve as the HOGOs ticked higher, the 1Q 25 to 8.4 c/gal.

GASOLINE

In gasoline we saw flat price trade end of window at \$8.1/bbl on a crack equivalent with matching slightly better offered. The front crack came off from morning value of around \$8.4/bbl to trade at \$8.1/bbl with real interest on both sides end of window while there was limited deferred crack interest. Spreads turned better offered with JanFeb sold from -\$3.25/mt to -\$3.75/mt post window while Feb/Mar also softened from -\$5/mt to -\$5.25/mt. Arbs were weak but Jan arbs saw smalls buying from 2.95c/gal to trade at 3.1c/gal during the window while we also saw RBBRs come off into the window from highs of \$9.16/bbl to \$9/bbl at the end of the window. EW saw buying in Feb at -\$1.35/bbl while there was some 92vsMOPJ selling in the afternoon at \$9/bbl in Jan.

NAPHTHA

In naphtha we saw flat price trade at the end of the window at -\$3.1/bbl end of window. Cracks were initially bid into the window with the front crack trading up to -\$3/bbl, up from -\$3.3/bbl in the morning before softening end of window to -\$3.1/bbl. Spreads were better balanced with Jan/Feb trading at \$5.5/mt and FebJun buying at \$22/mt. EW also remained balanced at \$21.25/mt in Jan while MOPJ saw crack selling in Jan at -\$0.65/bbl.

NGLS

Quiet morning in the early Euro window for NGL's, with FEI slightly stronger from the morning, Jan trading sticky at \$596/mt-\$598/mt levels. Spreads in the prompt were unchanged with Jan/Feb trading at \$3.5/mt, whilst deferred was slightly stronger with Q1/Q2 trading up to \$31/mt. Arbs were unchanged with Jan implied at -\$197.75/mt, whilst EW was slightly stronger with Jan implied higher at \$54.25/mt. FEI/CP was stronger in the window with Feb trading at -\$13.5/mt and Jan implied higher at -\$31.5/mt.



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