



FLAT PRICE

The Mar'25 Brent futures contract rose this afternoon, from under \$74.00/bbl at mid-day to \$74.45/bbl at 1715 GMT. US SPR crude inventories increased by about 0.3mb last week, reaching 393.6mb. Sour crude rose by 0.3mb to 250.3mb, while sweet crude remained unchanged at 143.3mb. Nigeria's state-owned National Petroleum Company announced that its second refinery in Warri, located in the southern region, is now operational. The 125 kb/d refinery, under a \$898 million rehabilitation since 2021, is now running at 60% capacity, focusing on kerosene, diesel, and naphtha production, according to NNPC CEO Mele Kyari and the presidency. Iran's non-oil exports surged 18% to \$43.14 billion in the first nine months of the Iranian calendar year, driven by a 33% rise in petrochemical exports, totalling \$19.7 billion. Export volumes grew 13.77%, while imports reached \$50.89 billion, with higher per-ton values despite a drop in weight. China remained the top export market, followed by Iraq, the UAE, and Turkey. The Chicago PMI dropped to 36.9, signalling a deeper-than-expected contraction in the region's manufacturing sector and potential bearish pressure on the US dollar. This was well below the forecast of 42.7, indicating a sharper slowdown than anticipated. At the time of writing, the Mar/Apr'25 and Mar/Sep'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.45/bbl and \$2.07/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

A quiet afternoon in Dated, with Jan rolls going more offered, The Jan DFL traded down to \$0.50/bbl pre-window and the 6-10 Jan 1w roll was offered down to \$0.06/bbl by a Geneva trade. We also saw the 13-17 1w roll trade down to \$0.17/bbl and the 6-10 Jan cal Jan offered down to \$0.12/bbl. In the physical window, we saw Geneva trade houses offering down Forties on a CIF basis, however the phys was left unchanged. In paper, we also saw things go offered with Jan dfl reaching lows of \$0.42/bbl and Jan/Feb Dated offered down to \$0.59/bbl. In CFDs, a gva trade was aggressively offering 13-17 Jan CFD and traded at \$0.50/bbl. The 6-10 Jan CFD then came off and traded down to \$0.40/bbl with a US major and trade offering. Post window we saw the 6-10 1w roll trade at \$-0.06/bbl. The Jan DFL traded back up to \$0.46/bbl and the Feb DFL up to \$0.29/bbl. In the partial window, the cash spread was offered down to \$0.28/bbl in the 16:30 window with Geneva trade and a British major offering, although things looked strong in the first few windows.

FUEL

This afternoon in HSFO, we saw Chinese arbers better sellers of 380 flat price, in Mar and May. We continued to see E/W in the front rangebound between \$6.75/mt and \$7.25/mt in Jan and between \$7.75/mt and \$8.25/mt in Feb. Barge cracks softened to -\$5.50/bbl handles in the afternoon a result of Chinese FP selling, however, we saw aggressive selling of front Barge cracks in the Euro window, trading down to -\$6/mt handles in Jan end window. EW remained sticky and we saw 380 cracks weaker to -\$4.70/bbl handles. 390 spreads saw better sell-side interest this afternoon, with Jan/Feb seeing selling at \$5.50/mt and Feb/Mar down to \$4.75/mt. We saw buying in deferred Barge cracks come in at -\$8.30/bbl in Q3 and -\$10.10/bbl in Q4.

This afternoon in VLSFO, we saw Chinese arbers buy-side of 0.5 cracks and flat price, in Jan and Mar, with the Sing crack trading around \$10.85/bbl handles. Sing spreads saw little volatility and were rangebound throughout the afternoon, with Jan/Feb Sing between \$2.75/mt and \$3/mt. 0.5 EW saw better selling interest at \$36/mt in Jan again. Euro cracks were also better offered, at around \$4.90/bbl handles in the afternoon in Jan, a result of Euro Hi-5 selling in Jan around \$66.50/mt. Jan/Feb Euro saw selling at \$5.50/mt, and traded down to \$5.25/mt in the window. In the Euro window, we saw good selling on Euro cracks and Sing cracks on screen. Jan Euro cracks moved down from \$4.90/bbl to lows of \$4.40/bbl, and Sing cracks traded down to \$10.20/bbl with aggressive sell-side pressure.



DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the front Sing gasoil spreads continued to be bid up, the Jan/Feb and Feb/Mar to \$0.72/bbl and \$0.55/bbl respectively as the prompt E/W rallied to highs of -\$12.50/mt this morning before coming back off to -\$13.50/mt on stronger ICE gasoil. The Jan regrade continued to come off to -\$1.55/bbl as the Jan/Feb kero was lifted to \$0.28/bbl on screen.

DOW COMMENTAR

The ICE gasoil spreads continued to tick higher, the Jan/Jun to highs of \$20.25/mt, as did the cracks, the 1Q to \$18.55/bbl. The European jet diffs continued to come off in the prompt, the Jan to \$30.50/mt as the more deferred remained rangebound, the 2Q trading at \$48.25/mt. Heating oil spreads continued to rally, as did the HOGOs, the 1Q to 9c/gal.

GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline we saw flat price trade at the end of the window at \$7.95/bbl on a crack equivalent with matching well offered. EBOB cracks were offered, with Jan cracks trading from \$8/bbl at the end of the window to \$7.90/bbl. The front spread weakened from midday highs of -\$3.75/mt to trade at -\$4.25/mt post window, while Feb/Mar saw firm buying at -\$5/mt through the afternoon. Arbs were strong through the afternoon, trading up to 4c/gal at the end of the window from morning lows of 3.1c/gal before softening to 3.8c/gal, while Q2'25 saw fund selling from 12.5c/gal to 12.4c/gal. RBBRs rallied on the US open, with Mar RBBRs strengthening from trading around \$10.05/bbl to trade at \$10.35/bbl into the window. E/W saw little action in the afternoon but there was buying in Mar at -\$2.15/bbl. Eastern cracks saw selling in the afternoon, with Jan selling to \$7.45/bbl at the end of the window from \$7.55/bbl. Spreads remained strong with Jan/Feb trading at \$0.34/bbl and Feb/Mar at \$0.35/bbl.

NAPHTHA

In naphtha, we saw flat price selling at the end of the window equivalent to a -\$2.80/bbl crack in Jan. The front crack was well bid this afternoon with Jan rallying from -\$3.20/bbl post Sing window to highs of -\$2.80/bbl end window. There was strong deferred crack buying from physical players with Q2'25 getting lifted up to -\$4.50/bbl. The front spread firmed to trade at \$7.25/mt during the window, up from \$6/mt this morning, as there was real buy-side interest on the spread. Jan E/W continued to weaken on stronger NWE, with Jan trading down to \$18.50/mt; however, we still saw strong Cal25 buying at \$18.75/mt. In the afternoon, we saw small May MOPJ price selling as well as Jan crack selling end window at -\$0.75/bbl. Spreads in the East firmed, following NWE with JanFeb trading up to \$6.75/mt post window and MarApr buying at \$7/mt.

NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, LST was well bid at the open, gaining on a crude percentage basis as a delayed reaction to the bullish stats that came out on Friday evening last week. Prompt LST spreads were also well bid, with Jan/Feb trading up from 0.125c/gal to 0.625c/gal but later went offered back to 0.25-0.375c/gal, while Q1/Q2 traded up to \$4.50/mt. Butane also held up relatively, with prompt C4/C3 broadly unch implied around 37.75c/gal, while prompt butane spreads continue to strengthen as Jan/Feb traded up to 3.75c/gal. Additionally, BuNap bids have kept prompt butane well supported. In internationals, FEI spreads also rallied with Q1/Q2 trading up to \$37.50/mt and implied higher around \$39/mt. Arbs moved higher as LST strengthened, with Feb LST/FEI trading up to -\$191/mt and Mar at -\$186/mt. FEI/CP was weaker in the afternoon as end of European window saw Jan CP well bid by eastern players on screen, trading up at \$635/mt, with Jan FEI/CP implied around -\$19/mt.

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