



# EUROPEAN WINDOW

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## FLAT PRICE

The Mar'25 Brent futures contract strengthened above \$77/bbl at noon GMT today, where it met resistance and softened to \$76.70/bbl at 14:15 GMT. Since then, the benchmark crude futures contract has continued to oscillate between these ranges, seeing resistance at \$77.15/bbl and support at \$76.65/bbl, and stands at \$76.95/bbl at 17:30 GMT (time of writing). US President-elect Donald Trump said he will revoke a Biden-era offshore oil and gas drilling ban in vast areas "on day one". In addition, Shangdong Port Group gas banned US-sanctioned tankers from calling into its ports in Shangdong province. Meanwhile, the US has blacklisted oil major CNOOC and shipping line COSCO Shipping in a list that qualifies companies with ties to the Chinese army as military companies. While this status does not carry sanctions, it includes the US government discouraging US companies from doing business with the blacklisted companies. US JOLTs Job Openings data showed an uptick in job openings in Nov 2024 at 8.098 million (prev: 7.839 million, forecast: 7.730 million). Finally, at the time of writing, the Mar/Apr'25 and Mar/Sep'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.60/bbl and \$2.67/bbl, respectively.

## CRUDE

This afternoon in Dated, we saw the Feb DFL trade around \$0.64/bbl and the Balmo DFL down to \$0.95/bbl. In structures, we saw the 3-7 Feb vs Cal March roll trade up to \$1.19/bbl and the 27-31 Jan vs Cal Feb roll down to \$0.70/bbl, implying the 27-31 1 week roll a lot lower. We also saw buy-side interest in the 6-10 Jan vs Cal Feb roll at \$0.92/bbl and sell-side interest in Cal Jan vs 5-11 Feb down to \$0.46/bbl. In the physical window, we initially saw offers come in for Brent and Forties from a Geneva-based trade house and a British major. Forties was then bid across the curve by another Geneva trade and a refiner, and a Midland cargo was lifted aggressively above curve, pushing the physical differential up around 15c. In paper, things also went bid with the Feb DFL trading up to \$0.63/bbl and the Balmo DFL up to \$1.00/bbl. We also saw the 3-7 Feb 3 week roll bid up to \$0.85/bbl and the 27-31 Jan vs Cal Feb roll to \$0.75/bbl. In CFDs, we saw the 3-7 Feb CFD bid up to \$1.00/bbl before being offered back down to \$0.98/bbl. The 27-31 Jan CFD traded from \$0.74/bbl down to \$0.70/bbl and the 13-17 Jan CFD up to \$1.11/bbl. Post window, the Feb DFL was offered down to \$0.62/bbl and Feb March dated down to \$0.70/bbl.

## FUEL

Chinese arbers were initially buyers of Singapore 380 flat price in Mar, but turned sellers of Mar/May 380 shortly after. We continued to see weakness down the 3.5% barge curve, with the Feb crack selling down from -\$8.60/bbl to -\$8.85/bbl. The Feb 380 crack was also weaker, trading down to -\$7.10/bbl as a result. We also saw scaleback buying in Q3'25 and Q4'25 380 crack, which supported the front E/W, trading at \$10.50/mt. Front 380 spreads therefore came down under pressure, with Feb/Mar trading from \$2.50/mt to \$2.00/mt. Front 3.5% barge spreads were also weaker with Feb/Mar trading at \$0.75/mt. We also saw majors buying front 380 spreads as it came off this afternoon, from Feb/Mar to Apr/May.

Both Sing 0.5 and Euro 0.5 were stronger this afternoon. Feb Sing crack was trading from \$9.95/bbl to \$10.05/bbl, and front Sing spreads were better bid, as we saw buying by physical players in Feb/Apr from \$7/mt to \$7.50/mt. As the afternoon progressed, we saw selling interests in Feb 0.5 E/W down to \$36.50/mt. As a result, Feb Euro crack also strengthened from \$4.10/bbl to \$4.30/bbl. We also saw buying interests on front Euro spreads going into the window, Feb/Mar from \$4.75/mt to \$5/mt. Spreads further down the curve strengthened due to selling in Q4'25 Euro crack at \$2.55/bbl, which supported deferred Euro spreads, with Jun/Dec trading up to \$19.50/mt where it found good selling from European physical players.





## DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the Feb/Mar Sing gasoil spread was lifted back up to \$0.50/bbl as the Feb E/W rallied to highs of -\$15.25/mt before coming back off post-window to -\$15.75/mt while the Q4'25 traded down to -\$15.25/mt. The prompt regrade continued to come off to -\$1.28/bbl as the Feb/Mar kero traded at \$0.28/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads continued to be rangebound with the Jan/Jun trading at \$16.75/mt as were the cracks, the Q1'25 at \$17.85/bbl. NWE jet diffs softened in the prompt, the Feb to \$38.00/mt as the deferred Q3'25 traded at \$49.00/mt. Heating oil spreads came off at the front of the curve as did the HOGOs, with the Q1'25 at 10.30c/gal.

## GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline we saw flatprice trade at the end of the window, at \$8.50/bbl on a crack equivalent with matching offers. EBOB structure was weak this afternoon with barges trading negative; we saw the front crack weakening to lows of \$8.50/bbl at the end of the window from this morning's high of \$9.10/bbl. There was a refiner selling cracks down the curve, with Q2'25 cracks trading down to \$14.47/bbl at the end of the window. EBOB spreads sold off with Feb/Mar trading at -\$7/mt, where buying came in from trade houses in the window, Mar/Apr EBOB also sold down to -\$34/mt in the window from -\$33/mt this morning. Summer spreads also weakened with the Q2/Q3'25 EBOB crack roll valued at \$2.15/bbl. Transatlantic arbs had real buy-side interest this afternoon on weaker EBOB, with the front arb trading up to 4.15c/gal in the window while we still saw selling in Q2'25 from 12.50c/gal to 12.75c/gal. RBBRs continued to sell-off post the US open from trading at around \$10/bbl midday, to lows of \$9.55/bbl during the window, and were offered down to 9.45/bbl post-window. In the gasoline E/W, we saw major selling in Mar this afternoon, down to lows of -\$2.90/bbl, but saw the contract recover to -\$2.80/bbl post-window. There was also buy-side interest in Q2'25 E/W, which stood at -\$7.25/bbl in the afternoon. There was limited action in Eastern cracks in the afternoon but Feb Sing 92 cracks were valued at \$6.65/bbl at the end of the window, having weakened from \$7.20/bbl at the end of the Sing window while Feb/Mar saw selling down to \$0.17/bbl.

## NAPHTHA

This afternoon in naphtha, we saw Feb NWE flat price valued at \$637.50/mt at the end of the window, on a -\$4.60/bbl crack equivalent. Feb NWE cracks continued to weaken on crude strength down to -\$4.70/bbl in the window before trading back to -\$4.50/bbl post-window as crude came off with Q2'25 cracks seeing buying from -\$5/bbl to -\$4.90/bbl. Feb/Mar NWE was well offered, trading from \$4.50/mt to \$3.75/mt and Mar/Apr continued to be valued at \$5.75/mt. Feb naphtha E/W was supported on weaker NWE cracks up to \$20/mt as Eastern cracks saw little trading; Q2'25 cracks saw selling early afternoon at -\$2.80/bbl. Front MOPJ spreads were more supported than NWE with Feb/Mar continuing to trade at \$5.25/mt and Mar/Apr at \$5.75/mt before seeing some selling at \$5.50/mt.

## NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, LST propane opened strong then weakened quickly on a crude percentage basis whilst spreads slightly weakened in general. In prompt, we saw Feb/Mar C3 LST trade rangebound between 2.75c/gal and 3c/gal, whilst in deferred Mar/May and July/Aug traded down to 5.125c/gal and flat respectively. LST/FEI arbs opened strong with Feb and Mar trading at -\$170/mt and -\$172/mt respectively; then throughout the afternoon, Feb and Mar started to weaken, with trading down to -\$171/mt and -\$173.5/mt, respectively. Deferred arbs also followed this trend with Q2'25 trading down from -\$173/mt to -\$174/mt. Propane E/W also weakened owing to Europe strength in both prompt and deferred, with Feb and Q2'25 trading down to \$53.50/mt and \$64.50/mt, respectively. FEI/CP weakened with Feb trading down to -\$9/mt. US butane weakened along with spreads with Mar C4 ENT/C3 LST trading at 21c/gal along. In spreads, we saw Feb/Mar and Mar/May trade at 8.625c/gal and 8.50c/gal respectively.



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