



# **FLAT PRICE**

The Mar'25 Brent futures contract saw some weakness this afternoon, declining from almost \$80.90/bbl at 1200 GMT down to \$80.15/bbl at 1800 GMT (time of writing). In the news today, Kaja Kallas, the EU's foreign policy chief is now pushing for the European Union to lower the \$60/bbl price cap on Russian oil, Kallas told Bloomberg in an interview. In other news, swarms of Ukrainian drones attacked energy and military facilities across central Russia and the Volga region overnight, according to a Ukrainian Security Service official. Drones set Rosneft's PJSC Saratov oil refinery on fire as well as two chemical plants in the Tula and Bryansk regions, according to Bloomberg. Finally, Peru's Bretana crude oil is gaining popularity in the US, with the first cargo discharging in the US Gulf Coast this month as US refiners seek alternatives to Mexican heavy crude, as per Reuters. Kpler and LSEG ship tracking data showed a vessel transported about 300kb of Bretana from Brazil to Houston on 2 Jan, with the cargo bought by oil major Shell. At the time of writing, the Mar/Apr'25 and Mar/Sep'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$1.11/bbl and \$4.76/bbl, respectively.

#### **CRUDE**

This afternoon in Dated, we saw the Feb DFL offered down from \$1.34/bb to \$1.24/bbl and the March DFL down to \$0.99/bbl with spreads continuing to sell-off. The 10-14 Feb Cal Feb roll traded down to \$0.16/bbl and the 20-24 Jan 2 week roll was offered down to \$0.90/bbl. We also saw the 24-28 Feb Cal March roll trade at \$0.68/bbl and the 6-12 Feb Cal Feb roll down to \$0.35/bbl. In the physical window, we saw a British major offering Forties and lifted at curve by a Chinese refiner. A Geneva trade house also offered down Midland down around 10c and the physical diff remained unchanged. In paper, we saw the Feb DFL trade down to \$1.15/bbl and the 3-7 Feb 1w roll at \$0.47/bbl and offered over. The Bal-Jan DFL traded down to \$1.45/bbl. In CFDs, we saw the 27-31 Jan CFD trade at \$0.95/bbl and the 3-7 Feb CFD strengthened up to \$1.65/bbl. Postwindow, the Bal-Jan DFL was hit down to \$1.30/bbl and the 17-21 Feb Cal March roll at \$1.01/bbl, down from \$1.18/bbl in the morning.

### **FUEL**

In HSFO this afternoon, Chinese arbers were buyers of Mar 380 flat price, but the front crack saw little movement. We saw mixed interest in prompt structure, as we saw Feb/Mar 380 trading at \$4/mt, but Apr/May was better offered from \$6.50/mt down to \$6/mt. As a result, we saw Feb 380 E/W weaken from \$21.50/mt to \$20.00/mt. As the afternoon progressed, we saw buy-side interest from the US in deferred barge cracks in Q4'25 at -\$10.40/bbl, but this did not support the front crack. Feb barge crack was sold into the window from -\$8.30/bbl to -\$8.50/bbl, before further weakening to -\$8.70/bbl at the end of the window. Front 3.5% barge structure was also offered, with Feb/Mar trading from -\$1/mt to -\$1.50/mt.

It was a quiet afternoon on VLSFO. Feb Sing crack was a touch weaker at the beginning of the afternoon trading from \$10.45/bbl to \$10.40/bbl, and as a result, front Sing structure was slightly offered with Feb/Mar trading from \$6/mt to \$5.75/mt. We also saw some deferred 0.5 E/W selling interest in Q4'25 at \$37.75/mt, which softened the front crack down to \$10.35/bbl. As the afternoon progressed, Feb Sing crack gained some strength going into the Euro window, trading up to \$10.55/bbl, and the front Euro crack followed shortly after trading up to \$3.55/bbl from \$3.50/bbl. There was low liquidity on Euro structure, with the front spread implied around \$6.00/mt.

# **DOW COMMENTAR**

#### **DISTILLATES**

This afternoon in distillates, the Feb/Mar Sing gasoil spread was bid up to \$0.92/bbl before trading back down to \$0.87/bbl in the window as the deferred spreads continued to see selling, the Mar/Sep hit on screen at \$3.20/bbl in the window. The prompt E/W rallied to -\$23.50/mt as did the Q3'25 to -\$18.75/mt on trade house buying. Regrade continued to rally in the prompt, the Feb to -\$1.63/bbl as the Mar/Jun kero spread was bid up to highs of \$1.90/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads continued to soften, the Feb/Mar to \$4.75/mt, as the cracks remained rangebound, the Q1'25 at \$20.00/bbl. NWE jet diffs came off in the prompt, the Feb to \$33.50/mt as the Feb/Mar roll came off to -\$8.00/mt. Heating oil spreads rallied, as did the HOGOs, the Q1'25 to 13 c/gal.

# **GASOLINE**

This afternoon in gasoline, we saw Feb EBOB flat price valued at \$728/mt at the end of the window equivalent to \$8.30/bbl on a crack basis as matching was offered. Feb EBOB cracks strengthened from \$8/bbl early afternoon to \$8.45/bbl postwindow with Q3'25 cracks seeing buying at \$13.70/bbl. Feb/Mar was bid at -\$7/mt on stronger front cracks as Mar/Apr traded from -\$36.25/mt to -\$35.50/mt. Feb arbs were bid up to 5.90 c/gal with Q2'25 trading to 13.75 c/gal as Mar RBBRs rallied from \$9.10/bbl to \$9.80/bbl. Feb E/W was supported seeing buying at -\$1.25/bbl early afternoon before selling came in weakening back to -\$1.35/bbl as Q2'25 continued to be bid at -\$7.45/bbl levels; Feb Sing 92 cracks rallied to \$6.95/bbl from \$6.60/bbl as Feb/Mar saw buying up to \$0.27/bbl and Mar/Apr valued at \$0.50/bbl.

#### **NAPHTHA**

This afternoon in naphtha, we saw flat price trade at the end of the window at -\$5.90/bbl on a crack equivalent. Cracks were slightly stronger in the afternoon trading up from -\$6.15/bbl to highs of -\$5.85/bbl pre-window where they had better buyside interest end window to trade up to -\$5.80/bbl, Q2'25 cracks had selling at -\$5.45/bbl during the window off morning lows of -\$5.60/bbl. Spreads weakened in the afternoon with Feb/Mar trading at \$4.50/mt during the window off from \$5.50/mt highs in the morning as structure was better offered. There was hedging flow in Mar E/W this afternoon with it getting sold at \$21/mt and Feb valued at \$22.50/mt post-window. Eastern cracks saw little activity in the afternoon but structure was better offered with Feb/Mar trading at \$6.25/mt during the window.

## **NGLS**

This afternoon in NGLs, LST was initially weaker at open, declining on a crude percentage basis with spreads weakening as as Feb/Mar traded down to 3.75 c/gal and Mar/Apr at 4.125 c/gal. However, LST went better bid on a crude basis later into the afternoon alongside spreads bid higher, continuing post Euro-window as Feb/Mar traded up to 4.25c/gal, Mar/Apr at 4.375c/gal and Q2/Q3'25 bid at 2.375c/gal. Butane remained well bid in the phys, with Feb flat price trading up to 1.17625c/gal. Prompt butane spreads firmed, with Feb/Mar trading around 11.125c/gal and Mar/Apr at 6.75c/gal but offered on. In internationals, Euro arbs were well bid on NWE weakness in the Euro window, trading at -\$103/mt in Feb and implied higher, while prompt E/W also strengthened on NWE weakness trading at \$58/mt and implied higher. FEI/CP was more quiet in the afternoon, with Feb implied around -\$5.50/mt from flat price trades. LST/FEI saw better buying in deferred with 2H 2025 trading at -\$169/mt.

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