



FLAT PRICE

The Mar'25 Brent futures contract saw steady strength this afternoon, rising from just over \$80/bbl at 1200 GMT up to this afternoon's high of \$81.60/bbl at 1630 GMT, moderating to \$81.40/bbl at 1745 GMT (time of writing). EIA stats released at 1530 GMT for the week ending 10 Jan showed a lower-than-expected draw of 1.96mb in US crude oil inventories. In the news today, Israel and Hamas have agreed to a Gaza ceasefire deal, centred on the release of Israeli hostages for Palestinian prisoners, as per Bloomberg. The deal outlines a six-week initial ceasefire phase and includes the gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, according to Reuters. In other news, Russia targeted Ukrainian gas infrastructure and other energy facilities today, with President Zelenskyy claiming Russia launched over 40 missiles during a morning attack and more than 70 drones overnight. Ukraine's oil and gas company Naftogaz said there were no outages and "gas supplies to population were uninterrupted", while the Russian Defence Ministry claimed their attacks successfully hit all designated targets on energy facilities. Finally, OPEC has released its latest Monthly Oil Market Report, forecasting global oil demand to expand by 1.4mb/d in 2025. OPEC projects OECD oil demand to grow by about 0.1mb/d while non-OECD is forecast to increase by 1.3mb/d, with this rate of growth expected to continue in 2026. At the time of writing, the Mar/Apr'25 and Mar/Sep'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$1.27/bbl and \$5.34/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

This afternoon in Dated, we saw spreads rally with the Bal-Jan DFL lifted up to \$1.25/bbl and the Feb DFL up to \$1.28/bbl. The Feb/Mar DFL roll also went bid and traded up to highs of \$0.25/bbl pre-window. In structures, we initially saw Feb rolls out of 3-7 and 17-21 offered with the 17-21 1w roll trading at \$0.30/bbl. DFLs continued to go bid, implying March rolls higher with Feb/Mar DFL getting bid aggressively. We also saw continued buying interest in the Feb Dec strip up to \$0.62/bbl, and buying interest in quarters with the Q2'25 DFL trading up to \$0.74/bbl. The 27-31 Jan Cal Feb traded up to \$0.90/bbl and the 20-24 Jan Cal March at \$2.45/bbl. In the physical window, there were no trades. In paper, spreads rallied and things went bid, with the Feb DFL lifted up to \$1.35/bbl and the Feb/Mar Dated roll trading up to \$1.37/bbl. The 20-24 1w roll was bid up to \$0.40/bbl with CFDs roofing in the front. The 20-24 Jan CFD traded up to highs of \$1.50/bbl and the 27-31 Jan CFD up to \$1.20/bbl. There was also interest in the 3-7 Feb CFD up to \$1.78/bbl. Post-window, the Feb DFL traded at \$1.40/bbl and the Q2'25 DFL up to \$0.81/bbl. The 17-21 Feb 1w roll traded \$0.34/bb and March traded at \$1.11/bbl.

FUEL

In HSFO this afternoon, Chinese arbers were sellers of 380 flat price, but this did not move the front crack. Front spreads were better bid with Feb/Mar from \$4.50/mt to \$4.75/mt, but Apr/May saw sell-side interest at \$6.50/mt. As the afternoon progressed, we saw buy-side interest in Q3'25 barge crack at -\$8.05/bbl, which supported the front crack. This in combination with the outright buying in Feb 3.5% barge crack caused it to rally from -\$8.20/bbl to -\$7.70/bbl, and Feb/Mar barges was better bid from -\$0.50/mt to \$0/mt. However, we then saw buying from majors in Mar 380 crack at -\$4.35/bbl, which further strengthened Feb/Mar 380 up to \$5.25/mt. As a result, 380 E/W was trading up to \$20.50/mt post-window from \$20/mt due to the relative strength in 380 compared to 3.5% barges, and the front 3.5% barge crack softened to -\$7.80/bbl at close.

In VLSFO this afternoon, Chinese arbers were buyers of Apr 0.5% Sing flat price, this supported the Apr crack at \$10.65/bbl. Front spreads were better bid, with Feb/Mar trading from \$6.50/mt to \$6.75/mt and Mar/Apr from \$6/mt to \$6.50/mt. As the afternoon progressed, we saw bids in Q2'25 0.5% E/W at \$42.25/mt, which strengthened the front Sing crack from \$10.85/bbl to \$11/bbl. Front Euro cracks was also stronger following the front Sing crack, trading from \$4.10/bbl to \$4.30/bbl, and front Euro spread saw buy-side interests with Feb/Mar from \$7/mt to \$7.50/mt.



DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the deferred Sing gasoil spreads were bid, the Feb/Jun trading at \$3.70/bbl as the prompt E/W was sold down to -\$25.00/mt while the back-end E/W was better bid, the Q3'25 trading at -\$19.25/mt. The prompt regrade rallied to -\$1.75/bbl as there was continued selling in the Q2'25.

DOW COMMENTAR

ICE gasoil spreads rallied from this morning, the Feb/Jun to highs of \$35.5/mt in the window before retracing to \$34.00/mt as the cracks were rangebound, the Q1'25 trading at \$20.60/bbl. The NWE jet diffs continued to see strength into the afternoon, the Feb rallying to \$39.00/mt as the Cal'26 traded at \$52.00/mt. Heating oil spreads similarly rallied into the afternoon, as did the HOGOs, the Q1'25 to 15 c/gal.

GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline, we saw flat price trading end window at \$8.55/bbl on a crack equivalent with matching bid. The front crack got lifted up to \$8.60/bbl during the window as RBBRs rallied, from lows of \$8.40/bbl in the morning while there was still persistent bank selling on crack strips in the afternoon with Feb-Sep trading at \$13.45/bbl. Spreads turned bid in the window as Brent spreads rallied and structure was bid up with Mar/Apr trading up to -\$35/mt post-window from lows of -\$436/mt pre-window as well as Apr/Sep trading up to \$50/mt from \$45.75/mt lows in the morning. Arbs were bid this afternoon as RINs rallied with the front arb trading up to 7.8 c/gal end window while there was selling in deferred arbs with Q4'25 trading at 6.6 c/gal. RBBRs were rangebound pre-stats around \$10.05/bbl and rallied into the window up to \$10.79/bbl before coming off to trade around \$10.05/bbl again post-window. Prompt E/W softened in the afternoon with Feb trading down to -\$1.55/bbl post-window while the Q2'25 still was offered at -\$7.45/bbl. Eastern cracks in the front traded at \$7.10/bbl towards the end of the window and the deferred interest flipped to buy-side with Q3'25 trading at \$7.45/bbl, while spreads saw little action with Feb/Mar valued at \$0.24/bbl post-window.

NAPHTHA

This afternoon in naphtha, we saw Feb NWE flat price valued at \$652.50/mt at the end of the window on a -\$5.80/bbl crack equivalent. Feb NWE cracks weakened from -\$5.40/bbl early afternoon to -\$5.80/bbl end-window where buying came in as Q2 cracks were offered from -\$5.30/bbl to -\$5.35/bbl. Feb/Mar NWE valued at \$5.25/mt throughout the afternoon before seeing good selling at \$5/mt with Mar/Apr remaining supported at \$7.25/mt. Feb EW continued to soften down to \$22.50/mt with Feb MOPJ cracks coming off to -\$3.30/bbl before seeing bids. Eastern spreads saw little activity with Feb/Mar valued at \$6.25/mt and Mar/Apr trading at \$7.25/mt.

NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, pre-stats LST was well bid at the US open gaining on a crude percentage basis alongside spreads in Cal'25 being well bid and the phys also being well bid. Feb/Apr traded up to 10.25 c/gal, Apr/May at 3c/gal, while Q2/Q3'25 traded at 2.375 c/gal and Q3/Q4'25 at -1.375 c/gal. After the first hour of US open, LST and spreads did pullback but were rebid post-EIA stats which showed a 4.7mb draw in propane/propylene stocks, with broad based draws in PADD1, 2, & 3. Exports were slightly higher week on week, while product supplied was slightly higher. Butane was initially strong at the open alongside LST with spreads higher as Mar/Apr traded up at 7 c/gal with a producer buying, while Feb/Mar traded at 11 c/gal but was well offered, getting hit down to 8.5 c/gal post-Euro window. C4/C3 was similarly stronger at the open but weakened during the afternoon, implied from up to \$24.75/mt down to \$22.5/mt. In internationals, LST strength led arbs higher, with Feb LST/NWE traded up at -\$88/mt while Feb LST/FEI trading as high as -\$143/mt but implied slightly lower around -\$145/mt post-window. FEI spreads recovered in the afternoon with Feb/Mar and Mar/Apr trading at \$15.5/mt. Feb E/W traded at \$58.5/mt in the afternoon but implied lower at \$55/mt as arbs went better bid. FEI/CPs were higher in the afternoon alongside higher crude as Mar and Apr traded -\$7/mt and -\$1.5/mt, respectively, while the Apr-Dec strip traded at \$28/mt. In the Euro window, Feb NWE traded around \$583.50/mt.

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