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FLAT PRICE

The Apr'25 Brent futures flat price saw a choppy afternoon, swinging by a dollar from \$76 to \$75/bbl before rising to \$75.70/bbl by 17:00 GMT. According to a Bloomberg report, privately-run terminals in China, particularly in Shandong, Yangshan, and Huizhou, have become key hubs for receiving sanctioned Russian and Iranian crude, allowing independent refiners to circumvent U.S. restrictions while shielding major state-owned operators from scrutiny. Diamondback Energy is expanding its Permian Basin footprint with a \$4.1 billion acquisition of Double Eagle IV, paid through \$3 billion in cash and stock, adding 27kb/d of production while prioritising efficiency and free cash flow amid a wave of industry consolidation. The G-7 is considering tightening the Russian oil price cap to curb Moscow's war revenues and push for a negotiated peace in Ukraine, though details remain unclear and the plan faces diplomatic hurdles amid shifting U.S. foreign policy under Trump. Turkey's largest oil refiner, Tupras, has halted Russian crude purchases due to U.S. sanctions, with final shipments arriving in February, marking a significant shift after Russian oil made up 65% of Turkey's imports in 2024. Finally, the front (Apr/May) and 6-month (Apr/Oct) Brent futures spreads are at \$0.38/bbl and \$2.56/bbl respectively.

CRUDE

A quiet afternoon in Dated, with spreads going bid with the March DFL trading up to \$0.40/bbl and the March/April DFL roll trading \$0.07/bbl pre-window. In structures, we saw buy-side interest of the 28-03 April vs Cal April roll at \$0.20/bbl and sell-side interest in the 10-14 March cal April roll at \$0.46/bbl, with the 10-14 March 1-week roll also offered at \$0.13/bbl. Pre-window, the balmo DFL traded at \$0.40/bbl. In the phys window, there was a refiner offering Forties aggressively with a Geneva trade offering Midland, pushing the phys down to around -\$0.20/bbl. In paper, we saw CFDs go bid with the 17-21 March CFD trading to \$0.26/bbl and the 3-7 March CFD to \$0.50/bbl.. The 24-28 Feb 1-week roll was offered down to \$0.14/bbl by Geneva trade. Post-window, we saw the balmo March DFL trading down to lows of \$0.06/bbl.

This afternoon with the Mar, Apr and May Dated/Dubai selling, Brent/Dubai came off with the Mar B/D, moving down from -\$0.41/bbl to -\$0.49/bbl, before stabilising once the Dated/Dubai sell flow dried up, finishing the session at -\$0.42/bbl. In Apr, May and Jun we saw some late Major and Tradehouse B/D buying, whilst most of the flow in Mar B/D was sellside. There was sellside box flow, but with only Mar/Apr and May/Aug trading OTC at -\$0.18/bbl and -\$0.31/bbl. The Dubai spreads traded rangebound, with Mar/May trading between \$1.08/bbl to \$1.16/bbl, finishing towards the highs of this range.

FUEL

This afternoon, front 380 structure was initially better bid. With Mar/Apr trading at \$15.75/mt. This supported the front 380 crack at -\$0.65/bbl. As the afternoon progressed, Mar/Apr 380 saw aggressive buying up to \$16.75/mt, this strengthened the front 380 crack up to -\$0.5/bbl. As a result, front 380 EW was also better bid. This together with the buying in Q2 caused it to gap up to \$26/mt from \$25/mt. In barges, front structure was a touch weaker this afternoon, with Mar/Apr trading from \$3.50/mt to \$3.25/mt. Front barge crack saw sellside interests for the majority of the afternoon. As we saw it weakened from -\$4.25/bbl to -\$4.50/bbl pre window. Heading into the window, the strength in front 380 EW put strong pressure on the front barge crack, as we saw it trade to the lows of -\$4.80/bbl at close.

This afternoon, we saw buy-side interests in front Euro crack up to \$5.65/bbl. As a result, front Euro structure was better bid with Mar/Apr at \$6.50/mt, but Euro structure from Jun/Jul onwards was better offered. The buying in front Euro cracks supported front Sing cracks, trading from \$11.35/bbl to \$11.45/bbl, but interests in front Sing crack turned more offered as the afternoon progressed, trading down to \$11.25/bbl post window. Front Sing structure remain fairly unchanged for the whole afternoon, with Mar/Apr trading at \$4.25/mt. Post window, Euro crack saw some sellside interests and softened to \$5.45/bbl. We also saw bids in 0.5 EW in Mar and Apr which some strength to the front Sing crack trading up to \$11.30/bbl.



DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the Mar/Apr remained rangebound, the Mar/Apr sold down to \$0.57/bbl as ICE gasoil softened into the window which cause the prompt EW to recover back to -\$24.75/mt. The prompt regrade continued to rally slightly to -\$0.58/bbl as the Mar/Apr kero spreads was offered down to \$1.02/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads came back off into the afternoon, the Mar/Jun to \$30.75/mt, as did the cracks, the Mar swap crack to \$20.00/bbl. The prompt Euro jet diff ticked higher to \$40.50/mt as there was buyside interest in the deferred, the Q3 and Q4 '26 trading at \$51.25/mt. Heating oil spreads similarly came back off, as did the HOGOs, the Q2 to 11 c/gal.

GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline we saw Mar EBOB flat price valued at \$719.75/mt at the end of the window equivalent to \$11.16/bbl on a crack basis as matching was offered. Mar EBOB cracks weakened from \$11.40/bbl to \$11.10/bbl post-window as Q2 cracks were offered down to \$15.20/bbl from \$15.40/bbl. EBOB spreads were well offered on weaker cracks as Mar/Apr traded from -\$29/mt to -\$29.75/mt and Apr/May traded at \$2.75/mt. Mar arbs traded at 26.50c/gal with Q2 seeing selling at 17.40c/gal as Apr RBBRs sold off from \$22.35/bbl to \$21.90/bbl. Mar EW was rangebound between -\$1.25/bbl and -\$1.20/bbl with Q4 finding value at -\$0.45/bbl as Mar 92 cracks came off to \$9.95/bbl from \$10.30/bbl and Q3 cracks traded down to \$7.70/bbl from this morning's \$8/bbl levels where buying then came in. Eastern spreads also weakened with Mar/Apr trading down to \$0.63/bbl and Apr/May valued at \$0.85/bbl.

NAPHTHA

This afternoon in naphtha we saw flat price trade end of window at \$647.5/mt. The front crack weakened into the afternoon under pressure with bank selling from highs of -\$2.25/bbl down to trade at -\$2.5/bbl end window and Q2 valued at -\$3.9/bbl. Spreads were a touch firmer in the afternoon with Mar/Apr trading at \$11.25/mt in the window. EW saw little interest in the afternoon remaining balanced around \$16.25/mt but there was smalls selling in the Cal26 at \$14.25/mt. Earlier in the afternoon there was some MOPJ flatprice selling and spreads remained unchanged from the morning.

NGLS

This afternoon in NGL's, LST was weaker with structure in general slightly weaker in both the front and back of the curve. In prompt, we saw Mar/Apr and Apr/May trade down to 3.25c/gal and 2.125c/gal respectively; whilst in deferred, we saw May/Sep and May/Oct trade down to 0.625 c/gal and -0.5c/gal respectively. Arbs were slightly weaker in prompt with Mar and Apr trading down to -\$151/mt and -\$157/mt respectively; whilst in deferred we saw 2H and Q4 trade up to -\$154/mt and -\$152/mt respectively. Butane was slightly stronger with Mar C4/C3 trading up to 16.375c/gal and Q4 up to 14.625c/gal. Prompt structure in general was balanced with Mar/Apr and Apr/May trading at 4.25c/gal and 2.75c/gal respectively; whilst in deferred, we saw Sep/Oct and Oct/Nov trading up to -0.875c/gal and -0.625c/gal respectively. FEI/CP was quiet with Mar implied lower at \$2/mt; EW was initially weaker with Mar trading down to \$61.5/mt but was implied higher post-window at \$63/mt.



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