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FLAT PRICE

The Apr'25 Brent Futures contract was rangebound this afternoon, trading between $76.25/bbl and $76.60/bbl until around 16:00 GMT, after which it rallied to $77.02/bbl, where it sits at the time of writing (17:20 GMT). EIA statistics highlighted a 4.63mb build in crude stocks while distillates and gasoline drew 2.05mb and 0.15mb, respectively. In headlines, Texas based refiner HF Sinclair Corporation reported a Q4 2024 adjusted net loss of $191 million, missing analyst expectations due to declining refining margins driven by high global fuel supply and lower sales volumes. While other major refiners like Marathon Petroleum, Valero Energy, and Phillips 66 also faced profitability challenges, they exceeded analyst forecasts. Germany's antitrust authority called for stronger regulation of oil price quotations, citing vulnerabilities to manipulation due to limited data and market participant dominance in price reporting. Meanwhile, Japanese oil firm Japex is refocusing on oil and gas after poor returns in renewables, citing rising costs in offshore wind projects. The company aims to acquire a US shale operator by 2026 and increase oil and gas investments through 2030, following a trend set by major energy firms like Shell, Equinor, and BP, which have also scaled back renewable energy commitments. At the time of writing, the front and 6-month Brent Futures spreads are at $0.47/bbl and $2.74/bbl respectively.

CRUDE

This afternoon in dated, we saw spreads roof with the 3-7 March 2w roll lifted $0.20/bbl and the 3-7 1w lifted high at $0.11/bbl by a trade. The March April dfl roll traded up to $0.12/bbl and bid over with the march dfl reaching $0.52/bbl pre-window. We also saw the 26-01 April vs June Ice trade up to $0.65/bbl. The phys window was quiet with a GVA trade offering Midland down to the Midland curve. However, the phys was left unchanged, with Forties still setting the diff. In paper, spreads continued to rally with the March dfl trading up to $0.56/bbl an the March April dfl roll trading up to $0.14/bbl, with April firm offered at $0.40/bbl. Back-end March CFDs remained low with the 24-28 March CFD offered at $0.30/bbl, pushing up front March rolls with March April going bid. The 17-21 March 2w roll traded up to $0.31/bbl and the 10-14 March vs 18-24 March roll traded at $0.19/bbl. Post-window spreads stayed firm with the March dfl trading $0.53/bbl.

This afternoon Brent/Dubai traded back up, with Mar Brent/Dubai trading from -$0.82/bbl, all the way up to -$0.67/bbl before coming off slightly. Some May EFS traded, buyside interest, at $0.64/bbl. In the spreads we saw Mar/May trade rangebound, between $1.39/bbl and $1.45/bbl. There was little flow in the boxes with the Mar/Apr and Apr/May and May/Jun trading -$0.35/bbl to -$0.31/bbl, -$0.26/bbl to -$0.24/bbl and -$0.18/bbl.

FUEL

This afternoon in VLSFO, we saw bids in front Sing crack up to $11.15/bbl pre window, as a result, front Sing spreads were better bid with Mar/Apr trading from $4/mt to $4.25/mt. Front Euro crack saw aggressive buyside interests heading into the window, and front 0.5 EW was offered which further supported the front Euro crack trading from $5.55/bbl to $5.90/bbl. As a result, front spreads were better bid with Mar/Apr trading from $7/mt to $8/mt. Front Euro crack saw some selling interests towards the end of the window, softened to $5.80/bbl at close.

This afternoon in HSFO, the front 380 crack was a touch better offered, trading from $0.3/bbl to $0.20/bbl. But this did not move the front spreads. Front barge crack saw sellside interests, though trading at $-3.90/bbl handles for the majority of the afternoon. Front barge structure had a rangebound afternoon, trading between $5.25/mt to $5.50/mt. Front EW was trading from $26.25/mt to $26.75/mt with no clear axe in the market.

DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the Sing gasoil spreads were better bid on stronger ICE gasoil post-sats, the Mar/Apr and and May/Jun lifted on screen to $0.56/bbl and $0.72/bbl on screen respectively. The prompt E/W was sold down to lows of -$26.50/mt in the window before retracing to -$26.00/mt as the Q2 remained rangebound at -$16.00/mt. The prompt regrade was hit down to -$0.90/bbl before trading back up to -$0.86/bbl post-window.

ICE gasoil spreads continued to tick, the Mar/Jun to $34.00/mt as the Mar swap crack came of a touch to $20.80/bbl. European jet diffs continued to tick lower, the Mar to $37.00/mt as the Q1'26 saw buyside interest, trading at $51.00/mt. Heating oil spreads rallied post stats, as did the HOGOS, the Q2 to 11c/gal.

GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline we saw Mar EBOB flat price valued at $722/mt at the end of the window equivalent to $10.35/bbl on a crack basis. Mar EBOB cracks weakened to $10.20/bbl post window from $10.45/bbl as Q3 cracks were supported from $13/bbl to $13.10/bbl. Mar/Apr EBOB continued to be offered down to -$30.75/mt before going better bid and trading up to -$30.25/t with Apr/May valued at $2/t before seeing buyers step up to $2.25/mt post stats. Apr arbs traded at 18c/gal before strengthening to 18.25c/gal on stats as Apr RBBRs came off from $21.25/bbl to $20.85/bbl before rallying to a high of $21.44/bbl. Mar EW strengthened a touch to -$0.85/bbl from -$0.90/bbl and Q2 seeing buying up to -$5.50/bbl as Eastern cracks saw no trading activity; Mar/Apr continued to weaken down to $0.58/bbl from $0.65/bbl levels this morning and Apr/May traded at $0.73/bbl down from $0.78/bbl.

NAPHTHA

This afternoon in naphtha we saw flatprice trade at the end of the window at -$2.9/bbl on a crack equivalent. Structure turned better offered in the afternoon with the front crack sold from morning highs of -$2.4/bbl to -$2.9/bbl end window as banks continued to be on the sellside of structure. Deferred cracks also saw better selling this afternoon with Q2 trading at -$4.25/bbl and Cal26 trading at -$5.95/bbl. Spreads sold off in the front with Mar/Apr weakening to $11.5/mt post window from earlier highs of $12.75/mt and Apr/Jun saw selling down to $15.5/mt from $16.25/mt in the morning while backend spreads were supported with phys on the buyside of them. E/W rebounded a bit to trade at $15/mt from morning lows of $13.75/mt during the window as NWE came off following the morning move we saw in the east. In MOPJ we saw little action in the afternoon other than smalls flatprice selling; Mar/Apr softened a touch to trade at $9.5/mt.

NGLS

This afternoon in NGL's, pre-stats LST weakened with structure also weakening in both prompt and deferred. In prompt, we saw Mar/Apr and Apr/May trade down to 2.5c/gal and Q2/Q3 trade down to 0.875c/gal respectively; whilst in deferred we saw May/June and Q4/Q126 trade down to 0.75c/gal and 1.5c/gal respectively. EIA stats showed a 3.6m draw, in line with expectations of an OPIS survey forecasting between 2-5m draw. Arbs pre-stats weakened owing to LST weakness with Mar and Apr trading down to -$153/mt and -$156/mt respectively; post stats we saw arbs strengthen owing to LST strength on EIA stats with Mar trading up to -$152/mt. Butane was supported pre-stats with Mar C4/C3 trading at 16.75c/gal with spreads weakening in the front and supported in deferred. In the front, we saw Mar/Apr and Apr/May trade down to 3.875c/gal and 2.125c/gal respectively; whilst in deferred, we saw July/Sep and Sep/Oct both trade at -0.875c/gal. Post stats we saw Mar C4/C3 implied lower owing to LST strength at 16.25c/gal with spreads broadly unchanged. Prompt E/W was broadly unchanged owing to Europe strength with Mar trading at $55/mt, whilst in deferred we saw Cal26 E/W trade up to $60/mt. Prompt FEI structure weakened pre-stats with Mar/Apr and Apr/May trade down to $10/mt and $9.5/mt respectively; post stats we saw Mar/Apr trade back up to $11/mt.

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