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FLAT PRICE

The May'25 Brent futures contract declined from \$69.85/bbl at 1230 GMT down to \$68.75/bbl at 1640 GMT, however, has found support up to \$69.15/bbl at 1745 GMT (time of writing). This afternoon saw a brief spike in crude oil prices at around 1720 GMT, after US Treasury Secretary Bessent stated the US will not hesitate to go "all in" on Russian energy sanctions and "shutdown" Iran's oil sector, as per Bloomberg. In the news today, as of late February, independent refineries in China's Shandong province have begun restarting their crude distillation units following a decline in fuel oil prices. The refineries have a combined capacity of 178kb/d, according to S&P Global. In other news, the US exported around 357kb/d of crude to India in February, according to vessel tracking data from Kpler. US crude exports to India hit an over 2-year high last month and are up significantly from exports of 221kb/d in February 2024. Finally, a US-sanctioned Russian oil-tanker has transported about 35,000 tons of diesel from Russia's Baltic port of Primorsk to Syria, as per Bloomberg. It is unclear whether the shipment is for Russian bases or the Syrian government. At the time of writing, the front (May/Jun) and 6-month (May/Nov) Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.42/bbl and \$1.90/bbl respectively.

CRUDE

This afternoon in Dated, we saw the front continue to go offered with the 10-14 March vs Cal April roll trading down to \$1.05/bbl and the 24-04 March vs Cal April roll down to \$0.37/bbl. The 10-14 Mar 1-week also traded at \$0.35/bbl. Pre-window, the Bal-Mar/Apr DFL roll traded at \$0.37/bbl, moving up to \$0.40/bbl, with the Bal-Mar DFL lifted at \$0.90/bbl on screen. The phys window was quiet, with a Geneva trade bidding Midland, however not reaching curve and leaving the phys unchanged. In paper, we saw strength in back-end CFDs with 24-28 March trading up to \$0.50/bbl and the 17-21 March CFD trading up to \$0.78/bbl. There was more sell-side interest out of 17-21 Mar post-window with the 3-week trading at \$0.63/bbl and the 17-21 March vs Cal April roll trading \$0.74/bbl. The 10-14 March 1-week roll was offered down to \$0.33/bbl and there was buy-side interest in the 3-9 April vs Cal April roll up to \$0.17/bbl.

This afternoon in Brent/Dubai we continued to move lower, with Apr'25 Brent/Dubai trading down from -\$0.65/bbl to -\$0.77/bbl. The spreads and boxes traded rangebound, while we saw continued trade house selling down the curve and a lack of real buying interest in the market. The quarterlies saw increased activity with Q2'25, Q3'25 and Q4'25 trading at -\$0.53/bbl, \$0.12/bbl to \$0.08/bbl and \$0.33/bbl. The spreads moved higher, with Apr/May'25 and May/Jun'25 trading up from \$0.64/bbl and \$0.58/bbl to highs of \$0.71/bbl and \$0.64/bbl, before coming off slightly and finishing the afternoon at \$0.68/bbl and \$0.61/bbl, respectively. There was box selling down the curve, with Jul/Aug, Aug/Sep and Oct/Nov trading -\$0.12/bbl, -\$0.11/bbl, and -\$0.06/bbl.

FUEL

In HSFO, Q2'25 and Q3'25 380 cracks saw better buy-side interest, which supported the front 380 crack at -\$2.70/bbl. As a result, front 380 structure saw greater strength, with Apr/May'25 trading from \$6.50/mt to \$6.75/mt. As the afternoon progressed, the front 3.5% barge crack was sold off aggressively from -\$4.40/bbl to -\$4.65/bbl. Front structure also saw outright selling with Apr/May trading from \$4.75/mt to \$3.75/mt. As a result, this supported the front 380 E/W from \$11/mt to \$12/mt.

This afternoon in VLSFO, the front Sing 0.5 crack was better offered, trading from \$8.05/bbl to \$7.90/bbl. As a result, front structure was weaker with Apr/May'25 Sing 0.5 trading at \$1.50/mt. As the afternoon progressed, we saw some buy-side interest in Q3'25 Sing 0.5 crack, which supported the front back up to \$8.10/bbl. However, the front Euro 0.5 crack was weaker in the window, trading from \$3.40/bbl to \$3.30/bbl, and the front Sing 0.5 crack followed suit, ending the day at \$7.90/bbl. Euro structure saw little interest with Apr/May'25 better offered at \$4.50/mt.



DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, there was buying in the Bal-Mar/Apr spread which was lifted on screen to \$0.75/bbl as the Jun/Sep was sold down to \$0.35/bbl. The prompt E/W rallied to -\$16.00/mt as ICE gasoil softened as the backend quarterlies remained continued to see buying, Q1'26 trading at -\$12.00/mt. The prompt regrade remained rangebound, trading between -\$1.05/bbl and -\$1.00/bbl as the Q1'26 traded at -\$0.10/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads rallied into the afternoon, the Mar/Jun to \$28.25/mt as the Mar crack was sold down to \$18.60/bbl post-tariff news. NWE jet diffs continued to be bid in the prompt, the Q2'25 ticking up to \$50.25/mt as the Cal'26 traded at \$50.75/mt. Heating oil spreads similarly came off into the afternoon, as did the HOGOs, the Q2'25 to 9.7 c/gal.

GASOLINE

This afternoon in gasoline, we saw Apr'25 EBOB flat price trade at end of window at \$11.35/bbl on a crack equivalent with matching mixed. The front EBOB crack was weak again this afternoon, softening from highs of \$12.3/bbl to lows of \$11.35/bbl at end of window while spreads continued to decline in the front, with Apr/Jun'25 trading down to -\$1.75/mt in the afternoon but Jun/Sep saw better support trading down to 22/mt. Arbs were still strong in the afternoon with Apr trading and implied at 20.4c/gal at end of window and the Q2'25 arb had buy-side interest up to 19c/gal. RBBRs were better offered post-US open but came off more aggressively on tariff news into the window, from highs around \$20.20/bbl to \$19.50/bbl at end of window. E/W was better bid on EBOB weakness in the afternoon trading up to -\$4.10/bbl at end of window and eastern spreads were better supported than European spreads with Apr/May and May/Jun trading at \$0.33/bbl and \$0.47/bbl respectively.

NAPHTHA

In naphtha, NWE flat price traded end window at -\$2.95/bbl on a crack equivalent. The front crack weakened from -\$2.8/bbl in the afternoon to trade at lows of -\$3/bbl in the window and continued to be better offered post-window down to -\$3.10/bbl. Spreads were also offered in the afternoon on a weaker front crack with the front spread trading at lows of \$6.75/mt and Jun/Dec also traded at \$20/mt in the window off from \$21.5/mt in the morning. E/W was stronger on better MOPJ flat price buying in the afternoon as crude came off with the front trading at \$20.25/mt and in MOPJ there was target level flat price buying through the afternoon while spreads remained better supported in than in NWE supporting the boxes down the curve.

NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, LST weakened on a crude percentage basis with structure balanced. In prompt, we saw Apr/May'25 trade up to 2.5c/gal and May/Jun'25 trading at 1.25c/gal; while in quarterlies we saw Q2/Q3'25 and Q1/Q2'26 trade at 1.375c/gal and 6.875c/gal, respectively. Arbs opened weaker with Apr'25 and May'25 trading down to -\$160/mt and -\$159/mt, respectively, owing to crude; as we approached the Euro window, arbs gained slight strength with May trading up to -\$157.5/mt owing to LST being slightly better bid. FEI/CP weakened in the afternoon in prompt and deferred, with May'25 and Q1'26 trading down to -\$3/mt and \$9.5/mt, respectively; while E/W was broadly unchanged with Apr'25 trading at \$65/mt. Butane was initially well bid then broadly unchanged with Apr C4/C3 implied at 10.25c/gal. Structure was balanced with just Apr/May'25 trading down to 1c/gal and May/Jun'25 trading up to 0.75c/gal, respectively.



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