

EUROPEAN WINDOW

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FLAT PRICE

The Jun'25 Brent crude futures climbed steadily on Thursday, from around \$66.20/bbl at 08:00 BST to \$66.90/bbl by 13:30 BST, surpassing highs reached earlier in the morning. Prices are trading at their highest levels in two weeks, and are on track for their first weekly rise in three. New sanctions on Iranian oil exports have increased supply concerns. In the news, Russian Arctic oil exports to China have surged this month, driven by ship-to-ship transfers off Southeast Asia that help sanctioned cargoes avoid scrutiny, as Chinese refiners continue to buy despite rising costs and logistical hurdles. Russia has warned that new Estonian legislation allowing naval force against foreign vessels threatens Baltic Sea security, following Estonia's recent seizure of a Russian-sanctioned ship from the so-called shadow fleet. A German heating oil platform saw record-breaking orders on April 9 as consumers rushed to stock up when crude prices plunged to four-year lows, highlighting price-sensitive buying behaviour in Europe's largest heating oil market. Saudi Arabia's expansion of refinery-integrated petrochemical units, including a new Aramco-Sinopec project at the Yasref site, is expected to further reduce naphtha exports as more volumes are redirected to steam crackers and aromatics production, with limited immediate impact on gasoline output. Finally, the front (Jun/Jul) and 6-month (Jun/Dec) Brent futures spreads are at \$0.92/bbl and \$2.80/bbl respectively.

CRUDE

This morning in Dated, we saw the front rally with the Balmo DFL trading up to \$1.63/bbl implying the 22-25 April 2w rolls higher and the 22-25 3w roll trading up to \$1.29/bbl. There was more selling in prompt May rolls with the 6-9 May vs Cal May offered down to \$0.22/bbl and the Cal May 2-6 june roll traded low at \$0.56/bbl. In the window we saw the 22-25 April 1w roll offered at \$-/62/bbl with the 22-25 april CFD bid up to \$1.60/bbl. The 28-2 April 1w roll traded up to \$0.45/bbl with the 28-2 april cfd trading up to \$1.90/bbl. Post-indow the front spread continued to be supported with the My June dfl roll trading up to \$0.30/bbl and strong buying out of Jun July where the dated roll went bid up to \$0.76/bbl.

This afternoon was very quiet in B/D, trading higher from -\$1.68/bbl to -\$1.62/bbl. The spreads came off slightly, despite large tradehouse buying at \$1.06/bbl. The May/Jun spread traded between \$1.04/bbl to \$1.06/bbl. The boxes were very quiet with only May/Jun trading, sellside interest for -\$0.40/bbl.

FUEL

In VLSFO, Sing cracks were a touch stronger to end the day, with May Sing crack trading up to \$8.95/bbl. Sing structure remained fairly stable, with May/Jun Sing trading around \$4.25/mt. It was a similar story on Euro 0.5, with the front Euro crack a touch stronger on MOC hedging, buying up to \$2.90/bbl.

In HSFO, 380 cracks continued to come under pressure heading into the European window, with May 380 crack trading down to \$0.70/bbl from from \$0.95/bbl. This was mostly as a result of barge crack weakness which got hit down to -\$2.25/bbl in the front. 380 spreads also came off a touch, selling down to \$13.75/mt. Barge structure was largely unmoved, implied at \$5.25/mt.

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DISTILLATES

The Euro window saw the front Sing spreads better bid as the E/W was sold back down to -\$13.50/mt on ICE gasoil rallying. Regrade remained rangebound in the prompt, the May trading -\$1.05/bbl as there was continued buyside interest in the deferred, the Q1 trading at -\$0.19/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads ticked higher, the May/Dec to \$17.50/mt, as did the cracks, the May trading up to \$17.60/bbl. The May European jet diff was sold down to \$50.00/mt as the deferred remained rangebound. Heating oil spreads rallied into the window as the HOGOs remained rangebound, May trading at 10.3 c/gal

GASOLINE

This afternoon in lights we saw EBOB flat price trade end window at \$13.5/bbl on a crack equiv with matching bid. Financials were on the sellside of cracks today with the May crack firming up to \$13.7/bbl post window as tradehouses came in on the buyside. Spreads were more balanced in the window with May/Jul trading at \$11.75/mt but better buying came in end of window to see May/Jun trade up to \$5/mt. RBBRs were rangebound around \$19.60/bbl in the window but bid post window as the US came in to get lifted up to \$19.85/bbl in Jun. The east was quiet but Jun cracks were valued at \$8/bbl with on screen selling while spreads remained supported with May/Jun trading at \$0.81/bbl for some size.

NAPHTHA

In naphtha, flat price traded end window at -\$4.45/bbl on a crack equivalent. The crack traded in a tight range this morning between -\$4.45/bbl and -\$4.40/bbl but front spreads were bid with the bal spread getting lifted up to \$6.5/mt and May/Jun up to 8/mt while the rest of the curve remained balanced. E/W softened with May trading down to \$18.75/mt as Q3 got hit at \$20/mt and in post Sing window more selling came in on the May/Jun at \$6.75/mt.

NGLS

A very quiet Euro window in NGL's, with FEI broadly unchanged and front spreads trading firm. In the front, we saw Jun/July and Jun/Aug trade firm at -\$1/mt and -\$3/mt respectively. Europe wise we saw May flatprice trade up to \$456/mt before coming off slightly post window with; spread wise, we saw May/June Europe trade firm at -\$1.5/mt. CP structure in the front went better bid with May/June trading up to \$30/mt.

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