



FLAT PRICE

The Aug'25 Brent futures contract initially continued rallying up to \$65.68/bbl at 14:15 BST, but then fell off to \$64.50/bbl at 15:02 BST. Prices have since recovered to \$65.05/bbl at 17:30 BST (time of writing). In the news, Kazakhstan's Kashagan oilfield is set to reach 1B barrels of cumulative production by the end of 2025. Located in the North Caspian Sea, Kashagan holds about 35B barrels of oil in place, with nearly 16B deemed recoverable. Kazakhstan is also expanding its Tengiz field, set to boost output by 260kb/d. Despite being an OPEC+ member, Kazakhstan continues to exceed its production quota, citing its limited control over fields operated by international partners. In other news, Venezuela's government is increasing taxes and service charges on the private sector, putting added strain on already struggling businesses. Reuters analysts estimate a 30% drop in oil income from \$15B in 2024, prompting demands for advance tax payments, fines, and higher local service fees. Business leaders warn these measures threaten jobs and growth, with 77% citing tax burden as their main obstacle. President Trump's proposed budget includes shutting down the "Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve" within months, aiming to sell its 1mb of diesel for an estimated \$86 million to help reduce the US deficit. The reserve, established in 2000, hasn't been used since Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Trump's plan contrasts with former President Biden's 2022 proposal to expand the reserve amid energy price spikes following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Finally, the front-month Aug/Sep spread is at \$0.78/bbl and the 6-month Aug/Feb spread is at \$1.68/bbl.

CRUDE

This afternoon in Dated, we saw selling out of 2-6 Jun with the 2-6 Jun 1w roll trading down to \$0.12/bbl and buyside interest in the 23-27 Jun 1w roll lifted up to \$0.28/bbl. Jun/Jul continued to be supported with \$0.95/bbl lifted on the 16-20 Cal Jul and the 16-27 Jun/Cal Jul trading up to \$0.97/bbl. There was more strength in prompt Jul rolls with the Cal Jul 21-25 July lifted up to \$0.32/bbl an bid over. In the physical window, we saw a French major and gva trade bidding Forties and Midland aggressively across the curve with three cargos trading and the diff bid up to around \$0.60/bbl. In paper, there was strength in CFDs, with the 9-13 Jun CFD trading up to \$1.90/bbl and the 23-27 Jun CFD up to \$0.15/bbl pushing rolls higher. The Jun DFL traded up to \$1.60/bbl and the 7-11 Jul/Cal Jul up to \$0.30/bbl and offered over. Post-window we saw the 0-4 Jun/Cal Jul offered at \$0.53/bbl and the Jun DFL trading up to \$1.64/bbl with spreads drifting higher.

This afternoon was very quiet in Brent/Dubai as everything traded very rangebound, with Jun Brent/Dubai trading between \$0.5/bbl to \$0.56/bbl. The Dubai spreads also traded rangebound, with Jul/Aug trading between \$0.56/bbl to \$0.62/bbl. There was very little action in the boxes, with non-trading OTC. We saw Fund selling of the balmo Dubai spread. Which traded between \$0.61/bbl to \$0.5/bbl.

FUEL

This afternoon in VLSFO, front Euro crack initially saw better buyside interests, with bids at \$5.65/bbl. As the afternoon progressed, we saw some selling in Q4 euro crack, trading at \$3.60/bbl, which put some pressure on the front crack, The front crack gapped down towards the end of the window, trading down to the lows of \$5.35/bbl, and further softened to \$5.25/bbl post window. In structure, Jun/Jul euro saw a touch better selling, therefore trading from \$11.25/mt to \$11/mt. In Sing, front crack saw mixed interests this afternoon, though it became a touch weaker following the front Euro crack post window, trading from \$10.60/bbl to \$10.50/bbl. Structure in the front saw some selling, with Jul/Aug trading at \$4.25/mt.

In HSFO, 380 crack was better offered this afternoon, with Jul trading from -\$0.65/bbl to -\$1/bbl. We also saw sellside interests in backend cracks in Q3, which further pressured the front crack. As a result, structure was weaker in the front with Jul/Aug trading from \$7.75/mt to \$7.50/mt. In barges, front crack also sold off, trading from -\$2.10/bbl to -\$2.40/bbl. Therefore, front structure was slightly weaker, trading from \$8.75/mt to \$8/mt. However, front 380 E/W had a rangebound afternoon, trading between \$8/mt to \$8.50/mt.



DISTILLATES

This afternoon in distillates, the front Sing gasoil spreads continued to rally with the Jun/Jul trading up to \$0.42/bbl as there was buyside interest in the deferred spreads, Oct/Dec trading at \$0.44/bbl. The Jun E/W was sold down to -\$17.50/mt as the Jul remained rangebound trading at -\$14.75/mt. Regrade recovered slightly from this morning, the Jul trading back up to -\$1.15/bbl as the ND Jun/Jul traded down to -\$0.02/bbl.

IDOW COMMENTAR

ICE gasoil spreads softened into the afternoon, the Jun/Dec to \$16.00/mt, as the Jun crack traded down to \$17.10/bbl. European jet diffs remained rangebound for the afternoon, the Jul trading at \$45.25/mt as the Q1'26 traded at \$46.75/mt. Heating oil spreads weakened, as did the HOGOs, Jun trading down to 10 c/gal.

GASOLINE

This afternoon in Gasoline we saw Jul EBOB cracks trading at \$15.8/bbl end window. RBBR's were rangebound trading between \$20.6/bbl and \$21/bbl in Aug with arbs seeing sellside interest by refiners with Jul trading down to 13.75c/gal. EBOB spreads were supported with Jul/Aug trading at \$10.75/mt and Aug/Sep at \$14.75/mt. Deferred cracks saw buying interest with Cal 26 trading between \$8.35/bbl and \$8.45/bbl and Q3'26 seeing refiner interest at 10.35/bbl. East remained supported throughout the afternoon with Jul E/W buying trading up to -\$5.7/bbl.

NAPHTHA

In naphtha, Jul NWE cracks sold down to -\$4.70/bbl on higher crude in the early afternoon. It rebounded up to -\$4.50/bbl later when crude came off. Then we saw size Jul and Q3 crack buying by a major in the window, with Jul trading between -\$4.60/bbl and -\$4.55/bbl and Q3 crack trading between -\$4.55/bbl and -\$4.50/bbl. Deferred spreads were bid by tradehouses and majors as well, with Sep/Dec NWE trading up to \$6.25/mt. Jul E/W went to better bid by majors, buying at \$23.75/mt. MOPJ spreads were better supported, with Jul/Q4 trading up to \$14.00/mt.

NGLS

This afternoon in NGLs, LST initially weakened on a crude basis at the US open, following weakness in arbs and FEI. LST gradually recovering some strength over the afternoon with a selloff in crude, but weakening towards the end once again as crude rallied. LST spreads were similarly weak, with Jul/Aug trading at -0.25c/gal, while Jul/Sep traded down to -2c/gal. Arbs weakened over the afternoon as well, with Jul LST/FEI trading at -\$139.5/mt, while Aug/Sep traded down from -\$135/mt to -\$137/mt while Jul/Dec arb rolls traded -\$5.5/mt. C4/C3 continued to stabled around 9.375c/gal in Jul, with Q4 and Q1 seeing best C4/C3 bids, at 10.5c/gal and 10.125c/gal, while butane spreads were touch weaker with Jul/Dec trading at -4.25c/gal and implied lower around -4.375c/gal. In internationals, NWE saw better selling in Jul during the euro window, pushing NWE spreads lower, while Q2/Q3 26 was also pressured by pronap roll selling. FEI/CP was a touch weaker with lower crude, with Jul CP flatty at similar levels around \$579/mt, and cp spreads broadly unchanged. FEI spreads also broadly unchanged over the afternoon, with -\$11/mt trading Jul/Dec FEI with some buyside interest in the afternoon. In FEI/MOPJs, Q3 saw buying interest, trading up to -\$18.5/mt on losses in crude.

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