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FLAT PRICE

The Jan'25 Brent futures contract weakened this morning, trading at \$73.95/bbl at 07:00 GMT and selling off from \$74.05/bbl at 09:10 GMT to \$72.90/bbl at 10:20 GMT, inching down further to \$72.80/bbl at 10:45 GMT (time of writing). Crude oil prices sold off as the market continues to react to weakening Chinese oil demand and the declining risk of Hurricane Rafael to US Gulf Coast oil infrastructure. In the news today, Chinese customs data showed that China's crude imports were at 10.53mb in October, a decrease of 8.7% y/y and down from 11.07mb in September, according to Reuters. In other news, the Syrian state news agency SANA made initial reports of an Israeli attack in Homs' southern countryside in central Syria, with Israel allegedly targeting an aid gathering centre for displaced Lebanese citizens. Finally, Russia is considering a merger of Rosneft, Gazprom, and Lukoil, as per the Wall Street Journal. This would entail Rosneft absorbing the two smaller companies, resulting in the world's second-largest oil company after Saudi Aramco and a combined capacity of almost 7.5mb/d. At the time of writing, the Jan/Feb'25 and Jan/Jul'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.24/bbl and \$0.84/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

This morning in Dated, we saw Dec DFL offered down to \$0.13/bbl from \$0.18/bbl and Balmo DFL from \$0.27/bbl to \$0.25/bbl. There was trade house selling of Dec/Jan Dated from \$0.40/bbl to \$0.36/bbl. In terms of structures, we saw a money manager offering 11-15 Nov Cal Dec and buy-side interest in 11-15 Cal Nov which traded at -\$0.52/bbl. There was also refiner buying of the 11th Nov vs 18th Nov at \$0.08/bbl.

This morning in Dubai, we saw Brent/Dubai continue to trade higher from last Friday. Although there was early selling interest in Dec Brent/Dubai, this was replaced with buying near the window. Dec Brent/Dubai and Jan Brent/Dubai traded between \$0.93/bbl to \$1.00/bbl and \$1.03/bbl to \$1.11/bbl, respectively, and are currently trading at \$0.98/bbl and \$1.06/bbl. Both the Dec/Jan Brent/Dubai box and Jan/Feb Brent/Dubai box were strongly bid and traded higher, with the Dec/Jan box trading to a high of -\$0.08/bbl. Dubai spreads continued to sell off, with the Dec/Jan spread trading from \$0.35/bbl to currently \$0.26/bbl and the Jan/Feb spread trading from \$0.27/bbl to currently \$0.21/bbl. We also observed buying interest in the Bal-Nov/Dec spread, which traded at \$0.35/bbl.

FUEL

This morning in VLSFO, we saw Sing cracks and Sing structure better supported. Dec cracks saw buying up from \$11.80/bbl to \$12.30/bbl handles. Sing spreads saw buying at \$8.25/mt Dec/Jan, and \$5.50/mt Jan/Feb, with deferred spreads seeing better buying in Sep/Oct and Oct/Nov at \$3.50/mt. Q4 25' Sing cracks saw buying at \$6.45/bbl this morning. Backend 0.5 E/W was better offered this morning, but little activity in the front. Euro spreads saw better support as well, at \$4.75/mt Dec/Jan, and deferred spreads at \$2.75/mt Jun/Jul.

This morning in HSFO, we saw Barge cracks better bid, up from ~-\$7.60/bbl handles to -\$7.05/bbl. post Sing window. We had buying interest on deferred Barge cracks as well, especially in Q3'25 at -\$9.60/bbl. 380 was supported this morning, as cracks traded up to -\$5.80/bbl in Dec, with spreads better bid, trading up from \$7/mt to \$7.75/mt. We saw buying on deferred 380 spreads, with Jun/Jul at \$4.75/mt, Jul/Aug at \$5.50/mt and Aug/Sep at \$6.50/mt. With barges stronger, E/W saw some sell-side pressure down from \$9/mt to \$8.25/mt. Visco saw sellside pressure this morning down to lows of \$10/mt in Dec, before recovering to \$10.25/mt post-window.

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DISTILLATES

This morning in distillates, the Sing gasoil spreads were rangebound, the Dec/Jan coming off two ticks to \$0.38/mt as the Dec E/W traded up to -\$16.00/mt, as did the Q2'25 to -\$17.25/mt. The Dec regrade opened higher at \$1.15/bbl before getting hit down to \$0.90/bbl in the window as the Q3'25 saw interest trading at -\$0.26/bbl. The Dec/Jan kero spread similarly came off to \$0.72/mt while the Jan/Feb traded at \$0.40/mt.

The Nov/Dec ICE gasoil spread came off to \$0.25/mt as the Dec/Jun strengthened a tick to \$4.00/mt. The ICE gasoil cracks rallied for the morning, the Q4'24 to \$16.25/bbl. Heating oil spreads rallied at the front of the curve, as did the HOGOs, the Q4'24 to 10.4 c/gal.

GASOLINE

This morning in gasoline, we saw 92 MOC mixed but slightly better offered with MOC valued at \$5.50/bbl on a crack basis. The prompt crack traded between \$5.50/bbl to \$5.60/bbl during the window whilst we saw Cal'25 cracks sold at \$5.30/bbl post-window. Spreads were well offered with Dec/Jan trading at \$0.02/bbl by the end of the window, offered down from \$0.15/bbl in the morning as well as Dec/Mar valued at -\$0.28/bbl post-window. 92vsMOPJ was offered in Dec during the window, further weakening the prompt gasoline. E/W was also weaker with Dec trading at -\$1.25/bbl during the window and Q1'25 getting sold at -\$1.15/bbl. EBOB cracks saw little price action this morning but the prompt traded at \$6.80/bbl end of window while we saw spreads supported with Dec/Jan at \$3.25/mt and Jan/Mar at -\$8/mt. Arbs saw no action this morning while RBBRs weakened as they found selling in the morning and through the window to trade around \$9.75/bbl post-window.

NAPHTHA

This morning in naphtha, we saw Dec MOPJ flat price valued at \$649.25/mt at the end of the window on a -\$0.80/bbl crack equivalent as MOC was bid at +5c/mt in Dec. MOPJ cracks saw little trading activity as Dec/Jan was valued at \$4.50/mt and Jan/Feb traded at \$4.75/mt as spreads saw balanced flows. Dec E/W traded from \$19.75/mt to \$20/mt despite NWE cracks strengthening from -\$3.10/bbl to -\$2.75/bbl on weaker crude as Q2'25 NWE cracks saw buying at -\$4.45/bbl levels. Dec/Jan traded from \$3.50/mt to \$3.75/mt with Jan/Feb valued at \$4.50/mt with gasnaps bid in Q1'25 and Q2'25 at \$48.50/mt and \$101.50/mt, respectively, as 92vMOPJ saw selling at \$7.25/bbl in Dec.

NGLS

This morning in NGLs, prompt FEI spreads were slightly better bid whilst deferred spreads were rangebound. In prompt, Dec/Jan and Jan/Feb traded upto \$4.50/mt and \$9.25/mt, respectively, during the window; meanwhile in deferred we saw Q1/Q2'25 and Jan/Dec'25 trading at \$49/mt and \$60.50/mt, respectively. Physical window was well bid with bids being made for 1H Dec at Dec FEI +\$1/mt and 2H Dec at Nov FEI -\$1/mt. FEI/CP strengthened initially in the morning with Dec trading to \$4/mt during the window and Q1'25 up to \$3.50/mt, then came off post-window with it implied at \$1.50/mt and \$2/mt, respectively. Arbs were fairly quiet with just Dec trading at -\$208.50/mt. Europe propane continued to be well supported with Mar/Apr trading at \$20/mt; CP was also well supported with Dec handles trading rangebound in the \$627/mt levels towards the end of the window.

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GLOBAL MACRO

- The Trump asset party continues, Bitcoin breaks above \$80,000 ATH, S&P500 & Nasdaq both ATH, investment grade credit spreads are the tightest since 1998, high yield spreads are the tightest since 2007. With 'risk assets' rallying alongside the dollar, precious metals and losing demand here and started a short term down trend.
- Americans are now holding record shares of their assets in equities, meanwhile Warren Buffett's cash pile at Berkshire Hathaway relative to total assets jumped to 28.0% in Q3 2024, the most in at least 34 years.
- Interesting other central bankers discussing the need to assess U.S. economy (& election impact) before deciding on their own rate decisions.
- BoJ member suggests possible rate hikes after temporary pause to assess economy.
- Deflation intensifies in China, PPI down for 25th month, while CPI comes in as expected at +0.3% y/y.
- China October PPI inflation falls -2.9% y/y; est. -2.5%; prev. -2.8%, the lowest since November 2023.
- The Euro swap cash basis has just traded negative for the very first time since 1999, while the Feds reverse repo also highlights USD funding concerns. Not a red flag for now but it's raising a few eyebrows.

Data this week:

- Tuesday US CPI, UK employment
- Thursday US PPI, Fed Powell speaks, UK & Japanese GDP
- Friday China retail sales, unemployment, Industrial production & hose prices, US retail sales

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