

FLAT PRICE

The Jan'25 Brent futures contract has softened from \$75.30/bbl, seen at 01:10 GMT today, to \$74.80/bbl (as of 10:35 GMT, time of writing). CFTC data for the week ending 19 Nov showed managed-by-money players adding 16.9mb (+7.83%) to their long positions w/w while trimming over 16.3mb (-13.9%) from their shorts w/w. This supported the speculative long:short ratio to 2.32:1.00 (from 1.85:1.00 in the previous week). Donald Trump has nominated Scott Bessent to lead the US Treasury Department, calling him "widely respected as one of the world's most international investors and geopolitical and economic strategists" in a post on Truth Social. Bessent has advised Trump to follow a 3-3-3 policy inspired by former Japanese PM Shinzo Abe. Bessent's three-point agenda includes cutting the budget deficit to 3% of US GDP (by 2028), spurring GDP growth of 3% through deregulation, and producing an additional 3mb/d of oil. In other news, TotalEnergies SE has stated that it will not make any new financial contributions as part of its investments in the Adani Group of companies. The French major holds a 20% stake in Adani Green Energy, now the centre of a US corruption charge against Gautam Adani, the company's head, and others. In other news, Germany's business morale has declined to 85.7 in November (prev: 86.5, Reuters' poll: 86.00). Finally, at the time of writing, the Jan/Feb'25 and Jan/Jul'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.56/bbl and \$1.80/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

This morning in Dated Brent, we saw spreads trading higher and DFLs continue to go bid. Dec DFL trading from \$0.60/bbl to \$0.70/bbl, and Jan DFL stayed more rangebound. Dec/Jan Dated was bid and traded up to \$0.80/bbl. In structures, we saw a fund offering the 25-29 1-week roll and saw the 25-29 1-week roll offered at \$1.69/bbl. There was sell-side interest in the 16-20 vs Cal Dec and thee buy-side interest from a European refiner in the 2-6 Dec 1 week roll. We also saw refiner buy-side interest in cal Nov vs 5-11 Dec roll, which traded at -\$0.32/bbl

This morning in Dubai, Brent/Dubai continued to trade higher. Dec Brent/Dubai and Jan Brent/Dubai traded between \$0.68/bbl to \$0.78/bbl and \$0.66/bbl to \$0.76/bbl, respectively. We observed major selling interest in Mar for Jan EFS, trading at \$0.72/bbl. The Dec/Jan BD box was bid, trading higher to currently \$0.02/bbl. There was early selling in Dec/Jan Dubai, which traded higher but is currently retracing from the highs. Dec/Jan and Jan/Feb traded in ranges of \$0.35/bbl to \$0.39/bbl and \$0.38/bbl to \$0.41/bbl, currently trading at \$0.36/bbl and \$0.39/bbl. We also observed buying interest in Dec/Mar Dubai, which traded at \$0.99/bbl.

FUEL

In VLSFO, a weaker start to the week on Sing 0.5, with Chinese arbers selling Sing cracks earlier on. The Dec Sing crack sold down to \$11.70/mt from \$11.95/mt. Sing structure also came under pressure from a combination of crack weakness and spread selling, with the Dec/Jan Sing selling down to \$5.50/mt from \$6.00. Euro structure was a touch better offered this morning into 2025. However, there was little price action as a result in the front, with Dec/Jan Euro trading at \$4.50/mt. The Euro crack opened a bit weaker relative to prices seen on Friday as a result of Sing crack weakness, with Dec Euro crack trading around \$4.70/bbl.

In HSFO, 380 structure was a touch better bid this morning, with deferred spreads benefitting from some positive price action. However, the front 380 spread experienced a stable morning trading at \$9.25/mt. It was a similar trend on the 380 crack, with Dec 380 crack trading between -\$5.60/bbl and -\$5.50/bbl. Barges saw some buying this morning, with the Dec barge crack big up to -\$7.85/bbl from -\$8.00/bbl. There was less buying interest on barge structure, with Dec/Jan barges trading around \$4.75/mt. The 380 E/W came off a touch due to barge strength, with Dec 380 E/W trading down to \$14.50/mt.

WINDOW COMMENTARY

DISTILLATES

This morning in Distillates, Sing gasoil spreads opened weaker after selling flow from trade houses and majors was seen this morning. The Dec/Jan spread weakened from \$0.34/bbl to \$0.30/bbl, while the Jan/Feb came off from highs of \$0.27/bbl to \$0.23/bbl, ticking back up to \$0.25/bbl into the end of the window. The E/W in Dec rallied to highs of -\$20.50/mt into the morning, before coming back down to -\$21.25/mt post-window, while the deferred quarterly tenors saw the Q1'25 trade at -\$18.50/mt with Q2'25 trading between -\$16.00/mt and -\$15.75/mt. Regrade saw selling flow into the window, with Dec getting hit down to \$0.40/bbl, taking the Dec/Jan kero spread down to \$0.37/bbl from \$0.40/bbl, with the spread recovering post-window back to \$0.40/bbl. Little deferred interest was seen, but the Q2'25 regrade continued to see sell-side flow at -\$0.40/bbl this morning.

ICE LS gasoil spreads initially weakened into the end of the window before finding support into the post-window period and rallying after the weak close on Friday. The Dec/Jan spread rallied to \$7.25/mt from \$6.75/mt, with Dec/Jun at \$19.00/mt post-window. The ICE cracks also rallied post-window, with the Dec crack at \$18.70/bbl and the Q1'25 crack at \$18.45/bbl into the mid-morning period. The European jet diffs saw Dec trade at \$44.00/mt, while the Dec/Jan diff roll traded at -\$4.50/mt. The HO spreads rallied into the morning, with Dec/Jan at -0.96c/gal, while the HOGOs also ticked up, with the Dec swap at 7.30c/gal and the Q1'25 at 8.20c/gal.

GASOLINE

This morning, in Gasoline, we saw Singapore 92 MOC valued at \$80.74/bbl with MOC mixed but slightly better offered. Cracks were stronger in the front, with Dec trading up to \$6.75/bbl after the window, up from \$6.60/bbl in the morning as 92 structure was a better bid. Dec/Jan rallied from -\$0.03/bbl to highs of \$0.13/bbl this morning before softening to trade at \$0.05/bbl while Jan/Mar was lifted up to \$0.34/bbl before also coming off post window to \$0.28/bbl. E/W remained relatively unchanged in the morning, trading around -\$0.90/bbl, and the Dec/Jan E/W box was valued at -\$0.40/bbl. EBOB cracks saw limited trading activity in the morning, but the prompt cracks were valued at \$7.75/bbl at the end of the window. Spreads didn't trade this morning, but Jan/Mar was a bid part of the curve. Arbs were weaker, with Dec and Jan, respectively, trading at 5.50c/gal and 6.90c/gal. RBBRs came off from trading up to \$9.35/bbl during the window to down to \$9.20/bbl later.

NAPHTHA

This morning in Naphtha, we saw the Dec MOPJ flat price valued at \$643.50/mt at the end of the window on a -\$1.50/bbl crack equivalent as MOC flows were balanced. MOPJ cracks saw no trading activity, with Dec/Jan seeing buying at \$3/mt and Jan/Feb offered at \$4.25/mt. 92vMOPJ saw selling at \$9.05/bbl in Dec and \$10.10/bbl in March. Dec E/W came off from \$23/mt to \$22.75 as Jan E/W was valued at \$20.50/mt, with NWE Dec cracks weakening from -\$4.10/bbl to -\$4.25/bbl and Jan cracks trading at -\$3.90/bbl. NWE spreads were offered, with Dec/Jan NWE finding buying at \$0.75/mt as other spreads saw little activity.

NGLS

This morning in NGL's, FEI was broadly weaker and slightly better bid during the window, whilst spreads weakened prewindow and stayed unchanged during/post-window. In prompt, we saw Dec/Jan and Jan/Feb trade down to \$4.50/mt and \$17/mt, whilst in deferred, we saw Q1/Q2 implied lower at \$43.16/mt. The physical window only saw one bid being made and improved for 2H Dec at Dec FEI plus \$2/mt. Arbs were stronger this morning from Friday, with Jan trading up to -\$190/mt and Dec implied higher at -\$193/mt amid crude and FEI structure. FEI/CP weakened in both prompt and deferred, with Feb and Q1 trading down to -\$2/mt and -\$2.50/mt, respectively, owing to crude and FEI weakness. E/W was slightly weaker from Friday's levels with Dec implied at \$58/mt.

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GLOBAL MACRO

- Scott Bessent is named Treasury Secretary. The bond market likes this: 10-year yields open 6.5bp lower, the dollar is down, and gold is down 1.7%. A sensible option, market experience (founder of Key Square Hedge Fund and former partner at Soros Fund Management), and also highly regarded in academia, unlike previous Treasury secretaries who liked the spending spree.
- Bessent seeks an additional 3 million barrels per day of US oil production: WSJ.
- Shortened week in the US due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday.

Key data this week:

Monday - German Ifo, BOE Bailey speaks.

Tuesday - Fed minutes.

Wednesday - US PCE price index, Q3 GDP, durable goods orders.

Thursday - EZ inflation, Canadian GDP.

Saturday - Chinese manufacturing & services PMI data.

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