

FLAT PRICE

The Jan'25 Brent futures contract saw strength this morning amid rangebound price action, increasing from \$72.90/bbl at 07:00 GMT to \$73.05/bbl at 10:40 GMT (time of writing). Prices saw a brief dip to around \$72.70/bbl at 09:10 GMT before rising to this morning's high of \$73.30/bbl at 09:35 GMT. In the news today, the Israel-Hezbollah ceasefire approved on Wednesday has taken effect with no reports of early violations of the 60-day truce, according to Bloomberg. The Times of Israel citing Hezbollah-linked media have stated that Israeli troops opened fire in a number of southern Lebanese villages, as Lebanese returnees ignore orders not to rush back to areas where Israeli forces are present. In other news, Pakistan's refineries are expected to import 7% more crude oil for the full 2025 calendar year, driven by a rebound in industrial production and economic growth, S&P Global reported. Furthermore, oil product inventories at UAE's Port of Fujairah declined 15% to 14.235mb in the week ending 25 Nov, the lowest level on record, according to Fujairah Oil Industry Zone data published 27 Nov. Finally, Gazprom's 2025 internal plan assumes no more transit of natural gas to Europe via Ukraine after 31 Dec, as per Reuters. This came as Ukraine stated it wants to end the transit deal, after more than half a century of gas flows from Siberia to central European markets. At the time of writing, the Jan/Feb'25 and Jan/Jul'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.50/bbl and \$1.52/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

This morning in Dated Brent, we saw things go more bid with the Dec DFL trading up to highs of \$0.77/bbl. The Jan DFL was more rangebound and traded at \$0.25/bbl. Dec/Jan Dated was bid up from \$0.76/bbl to \$0.82/bbl and Dec/Jan DFL traded up to \$0.49/bbl. In structures, we saw the Cal Dec 16-20 Dec roll trade at \$0.15/bbl up to \$0.17/bbl and the 2-6 Dec CFD traded up to \$1.08/bbl. We also saw the Balmo DFL hit at \$1.10/bbl in decent size.

FUEL

In VLSFO, it was weak start to the morning on Sing 0.5 with a fair amount of selling on both cracks and structure. The Dec Sing crack was well offered down to \$10.85/bbl from \$10.20/bbl. Structure saw less price action, however the front spread came off a tick to end the morning at \$4.00/mt. The Euro crack came under pressure from the Sing crack weakness combined with outright selling on structure. The Dec Euro crack sold down to \$4.35/bbl from \$4.70/bbl. As mentioned, there was outright selling on Euro structure as well, with Dec/Jan Euro trading down to \$3.75/mt from \$4.25/mt.

HSFO continued to strengthen this morning. 380 cracks were initially offered to start the morning, however this turned into buying heading into the window, which saw the Dec 380 crack buy up to -\$3.30/bbl form -\$3.90/bbl. Spreads were better bid this morning, with the majority of the curve shifting up a tick. Dec/lan 380 traded up to \$9.25/mt. Barge crack also saw buying, with the Dec barge crack trading up to -\$4.65/bbl from -\$5.50/bbl. The crack was supported by structure buying, with Dec/Jan barges trading up to \$9.00/mt from \$7.50/mt. The relative strength of barges put pressure on the 380 E/W, with Dec 380 E/W trading down from \$9.50/mt to \$8.50/mt.

WINDOW COMMENTARY



DISTILLATES

This morning in distillates, the front Sing gasoil spreads rallied with the Dec/Jan and Jan/Feb getting lifted to \$0.34/bbl and \$0.25/bbl, respectively, as the E/W traded rangebound, the Dec initially coming off to -\$19.75/mt, before rallying post-window to highs of -\$19.00/mt and then retracing to -\$19.50/mt. The Jan regrade came off to \$0.36/bbl while the Dec/Jan roll was lifted to \$0.12/bbl and the Dec/Jan kero spread to \$0.49/bbl.

The ICE gasoil spreads came off down the curve, the Dec/Jun to \$15.50/mt as the cracks ticked slightly lower, the Q1'25 to \$17.85/bbl. The prompt European jet diff came off to \$42.00/mt while the deferred remained rangebound. Heating oil spreads came off at the front of the curve, as did the HOGOs, the Q1'25 to 8.9c/gal.

GASOLINE

This morning in gasoline, we saw 92 MOC valued at \$79.58/bbl with the Dec/Jan MOC roll well bid again today. Eastern structure was strong again today with the prompt crack trading at \$7.15/bbl during the window and deferred cracks all well bid with Q4'25 lifted at \$4.35/bbl in the window by real players as well as Q2'25 at \$6.50/bbl. Spreads were all bid down the curve; Dec/Jan was bid up to trade at \$0.35/bbl from \$0.25/bbl & Jan/Mar was lifted up to \$0.59/bbl post-window from \$0.48/bbl this morning, further down the curve we saw size buying interest of May/Jun at \$0.56/bbl. E/W was also strong this morning, driven by 92 with Jan valued at flat and Dec trading up to -\$0.10/bbl from -\$0.20/bbl this morning. EBOB cracks saw limited interest in the prompt this morning, but deferred were all firm bid with Q1'25 and Q2'25 valued at \$7.88/bbl and \$12.95/bbl, respectively end of window. Spreads saw limited activity in EBOB but we saw buy-side interest again in the summer spread, with it trading at \$30.50/mt. RBBRs in Feb traded rangebound around \$9.50/bbl through the window before turning better bid and firming up to trade at \$9.64/bbl.

NAPHTHA

This morning in naphtha, we saw Dec MOPJ flat price valued at \$630/mt at the end of the window on a -\$1.65/bbl crack equivalent as MOC flows were balanced. MOPJ cracks saw no trading activity as spreads were well offered with Dec/Jan weakening from \$2.75/mt to \$2.25/mt and Jan/Feb trading down from \$3.50/mt to \$3/mt where buying came in. Dec E/W weakened to \$24/mt from \$25/mt with Jan E/W valued at \$20.75/mt as Dec NWE cracks softened slightly from -\$4.40/bbl to -\$4.50/bbl. NWE Dec/Jan saw strong selling from -\$1/mt to -\$2/mt where major and trade buying came in strengthening back to -\$1.25/mt with Jan/Feb seeing buying interest trading up to \$2.75/mt from \$2.25/mt.

NGLS

This morning in NGLs, initially FEI saw better Chinese buying in Apr and May tenors pushing spreads lower with Dec/Jan trading at \$3.5/mt and Mar/Apr at \$17/mt. Then pre-window saw CP better bid alongside FEI/CP, leading FEI to be better bid and gain on a crude percentage basis. However, during the window, FEI/MOPJ sell-side interest in Q1'25 and Q2'25, trading at -\$22/mt and -\$28/mt, respectively, saw FEI lose some of its crude relative gains, with Dec trading around \$617/mt at the end of the window. Meanwhile spreads weakened further with Dec/Jan trading at \$3/mt, Jan/Feb at \$8.50/mt, Mar/Apr at \$17/mt. In the physical window, we saw 1H Jan bid up to Jan FEI + \$4/mt and get hit. It was relatively quiet in arbs, with only Dec LST/FEI trading higher at -\$187/mt in small size. FEI/CP fell lower on crude and FEI weakness, trading down to -\$18/mt in Dec pre-window, but implied around -\$14/mt post-window amid higher crude as Jan FEI/CP traded at -\$9/mt. E/W implied slightly lower around \$61/mt in Dec as Dec arbs traded higher.

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GLOBAL MACRO

- US new homes sales fall -17.3% m/m (est -1.8%). While we also have the second most spec homes for sale in recorded history. And climbing. With mortgage rates at 6.84% and mortgage demand down 50% from the same level in 2019, the US housing market will be a key macro story of 2025.
- US consumer confidence hits a 16m high, surging from 111.7 to 108.7. Even more notable: stock market optimism soars to a record. The previous high in early 2018 was after the 2017 stock market rally in anticipation of corporate tax cuts.
- The US economy is resilient, but it's running a historic deficit, 6.3% of GDP. Never seen before outside of WW2, the GFC or Covid. Scott Bessent, Trump's new Treasury Secretary has some work to do!
- Record monthly outflows from major Chinese ETFs with have the PBOC concerned.
- Bitcoin falls from \$99,500 to \$93,000.
- OIS prices 68% chance of Bank of Japan hike at the December meeting. With US yields falling on the Bessent Treasury nomination, the Yen is strengthening, all Yen crosses trending lower.
- RBNZ cut rates 50bp, though the OIS was sniffing the chance of 75.
- Orange juice hit all-time highs and Arabica coffee highest levels since 1997!

Data today:

- US PCE (Oct), GDP 2nd Estimate (Q3), PCE Prices Prelim (Q3), Initial Jobless Claims (23 Nov, w/e), Durable Goods (Oct).
- o German consumer sentiment.

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