# OVERNIGHT 8 SINGAPORE WINDOW

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### WINDOW COMMENTARY



### **FLAT PRICE**

The Feb'25 Brent futures contract has seen marginal strength this morning, trading from \$72.40/bbl at 07:00 GMT up to \$72.65/bbl at 10:25 GMT (time of writing). With the OPEC+ ministerial meeting on production policy taking place today on 05 Dec, traders are anticipating potential news of OPEC+ delaying production hikes further into Q1'25. In the news today, Shell and Equinor are to combine their UK offshore oil and gas assets in a 50-50 joint venture, Financial Times reported. The project, which will be based in Aberdeen, will take over Equinor's stakes in three North Sea fields and Shell's stakes in nine, adding to a combined production capacity of around 138kb/d. In other news, Unipetrol stated that Russian crude oil flows to the Czech Republic through the Druzhba pipeline remain halted, with a Unipetrol spokesman claiming he did not know the reason for the stoppage, as per Reuters. Finally, Rosneft has invested \$20 billion in India recently, the Indian government quoted Russian President Putin as saying in a statement on Thursday, according to Reuters. At the time of writing, the Feb/Mar'25 and Feb/Aug'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.41/bbl and \$1.54/bbl, respectively.

#### CRUDE

This morning in Dated Brent, we saw the Feb'25 DFL trade at \$0.20/bbl and the Jan'25 DFL up to \$0.41/bbl. In structures, we saw a European major short covering by bidding the 23-03 Cal Jan roll which traded up to \$0.52/bbl. There was also a Geneva trade house biding for the 23-27 Dec Cal Jan up to \$0.65/bbl and the 16-20 Dec Cal Dec traded at \$0.92/bbl.

#### **FUEL**

A weaker start to the morning in VLSFO, with flow out the East selling the Sing crack down to \$10.80/bbl. Buying did enter the market later on in the morning, trading up to \$10.90/bbl. Sing spreads came under pressure towards the end of the window with a fair amount of offers closer to the front with Jan/Feb'25 Sing selling down to \$4.00/mt from \$4.25/mt. A characteristically quiet morning on Euro 0.5, with the Euro crack moving in line with the Sing crack, ending the morning with an implied price of \$4.30/bbl. It was a similar story on Euro structure, with Jan/Feb'25 Euro bid at \$3.50/mt.

In HSFO, 380 enjoyed a strong start to the morning, with buying on cracks into March. The Jan 380 crack traded up to -\$5.85/bbl in the window from -\$6.20/bbl. The crack did come off somewhat post-window, trading back down to -\$6.10/bbl. 380 spreads opened the morning stronger, however they also came off post window in line with the crack, with Jan/Feb 380 selling down to \$3.25/mt from \$3.75/mt. The barge crack was fairly mixed to start, with Jan trading between -\$6.80/bbl and -\$6.70/bbl, before trading up to -\$6.40/bbl. Barge spreads benefitted from the crack strength, with Jan/Feb'25 barges trading up a tick, to \$4.75/mt. The 380 E/W traded up initially on the 380 strength up to \$4.25/mt from \$3.00/mt before coming off as the barge crack rallied, closing the morning at \$3.25/mt.

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#### DISTILLATES

This morning in distillates, the Bal-Dec/Jan'25 Sing gasoil spread rallied to \$0.47/bbl as the spreads were rangebound down the curve, the deferred spreads still seeing buying interest, the Jun/Sep'25 and Oct/Jan'25 trading at \$0.01/bbl and \$0.07/bbl, respectively. The front E/W continued to rally, getting lifted to -\$15.00/mt at the end of the window. The Jan'25 regrade rallied to \$0.35/bbl as the deferred E/W and regrade continued to be supported by combo buying.

ICE gasoil spreads initially ticked lower, the Dec/Jun'25 to lows of \$7.25/mt before rallying to \$8.50/mt while the cracks were rangebound, the Q1'25 trading at \$16.15/bbl. The front NWE jet diffs continued to tick lower, the Bal-Dec'24 to \$33.25/mt and the Jan'25 to \$15.00/mt. Heating oil spreads came off at the front of the curve, as did the HOGOs, the Q1'25 to 6.5c/gal.

#### GASOLINE

This morning in gasoline, we saw 92 MOC valued at 79.74/bbl with MOC flows balanced but slightly better bid. There was little action in the front 92 crack during the window but we saw it trade down from \$7.7/bbl down to \$7.6/bbl post window as deferred cracks found real offer side interest with Q1'25 valued down to \$7.5/bbl. Eastern structure remained firm during the window with JanMar still balanced at \$0.75/bbl before softening post window to trade at \$0.65/bbl. E/W saw little activity this morning but Jan E/W was scale back bid end of window to trade at \$0.20/bbl off from an implied value of \$0.30/bbl as eastern structure softened and E/W became better offered. EBOB cracks saw little interest this morning other than small buying interest at \$7.55/bbl post window while spreads also saw limited activity but we saw JanFeb valued at -\$4/Mt post window and refiners on the sellside of Oct/Dec25 at \$20.5/mt. Arbs got sold at \$5.25c/gal this morning in Jan and RBBRs gradually came off from trading at highs of \$9.30/bbl down to round \$9.12/bbl.

#### NAPHTHA

A quiet morning in naphtha, as we saw Jan MOPJ flat price valued at \$624/mt at the end of the window on a -\$2.00/bbl crack equivalent as MOC was bid at +5c/mt in Jan. MOPJ cracks saw buying in Jan'25 trading from -\$2/bbl to -\$1.95/bbl with Jan/Feb'25 bid at \$2.75/mt and Feb/Mar'25 valued at \$4/mt. Jan'25 E/W was supported at \$22/mt as NWE Jan cracks traded up to -\$4.40/bbl and Q1'25 and Q4'25 cracks saw selling at -\$4.45/bbl and -\$6.10/bbl, respectively. NWE spreads also saw little price action with Jan/Feb'25 trading at \$1.50/mt and Feb/Mar'25 at \$3.50/mt. 92vMOPJ saw buying at \$10.55/bbl in Jan as Q1'25 traded at \$10.40/bbl.

#### NGLS

This morning in NGLs, FEI was supported with spreads unchanged in prompt and deferred. In prompt, Jan/Feb'25 and Feb/Mar'25 traded at \$6.5/mt and \$15.5/mt, respectively, whilst in deferred, Jun/Jul'25 traded \$2/mt. Physical window was offered, with an offer being made and improved for 1H Jan FEI at Jan'25 FEI plus \$0.5/mt. Arbs were broadly unchanged with Jan'25 and Q1/Q2'25 roll trading at -\$194/mt and -\$12/mt, respectively. FEI/CP weakened, owing to CP being slightly better bid, with Jan'25 trading down to -\$13.5/mt during the window, then supported at -\$13/mt levels post-window. Prompt CP spreads strengthened with Jan/Feb'25 trading up to \$9.5/mt, whilst deferred was unchanged with Jul/Aug'25 trading at \$3.5/mt. E/W was unchanged with Jan'25 implied at \$62/mt.

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#### **GLOBAL MACRO**

- A surprise weaker than expected November ISM Services PMI, down to 52.1 vs. 55.7 est. & 56 prior; new orders down to 53.7 vs. 57.4 prior; prices paid up to 58.2 vs. 58.1 ... employment down to 51.5 vs. 53 prior.
- Powell 'We can afford to be cautious as we try to find neutral'. OIS prices 17bp cuts on 18th Dec meeting.
- The US economy added a lower-than-expected 146,000 jobs in November, as per ADP, missing forecasts for a gain of 166,000. Also October revised down -49k, the largest downward revision since May 2021. Key non-farm payroll data comes out tomorrow (est 200k, 4.1% unemployment).
- S&P500 and Nasdaq make new all-time highs, The US stock market is now 63% of global market cap, up from 60.5% at the beginning of the year. The next biggest market is...Japan at 5.6%. S&P 500 ETF daily trading volume plunged to 26.9 million on Tuesday, near the lowest since 2007. At the same time, S&P 500 futures trading volume fell to the lowest in 3 YEARS. Also volatility (VIX) is now the lowest since July.
- Bitcoin trades over \$100k, now \$102,750.
- CHINA 10-YEAR GOVT BOND YIELD DROPS BELOW 1.95%, HITTING NEW LOW.
- Weak Australian data. Aust Sept quarterly GDP just +0.3% q/q and +0.8% y/y...lowest since early 90s recession (excluding Covid).

#### Data today:

• Initial Jobless Claims

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