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FLAT PRICE

The Mar'25 Brent futures contract has rallied this morning from \$77.30/bbl at 0600 GMT up to \$78.85/bbl at 1055 GMT (time of writing). Crude oil prices have seen bullish sentiment amid expectations of potential supply disruptions from US sanctions on Iran and Russia. In the news today, Nigeria's Dangote refinery is building eight additional tanks to store imported oil, adding about 6.3mb of storage, as per Bloomberg. Domestic shipments of oil to Dangote rose to 358kb/d in December from 308kb/d in November, the highest since the plant opened, however, Dangote is looking to purchase more oil from abroad as local supplies remain low overall. In other news, Shell has started production at the Whale field in the Gulf of Mexico, with the project expected to hit peak production of around 100kb/d of oil equivalent, as per Reuters. Chevron, which owns a 40% stake in the field, said the Whale development would bring it closer to reaching a net 300kb/d of oil production in the Gulf of Mexico by 2026. Finally, Iraq is in negotiations with BP to develop several oil fields in Kirkuk, according to the Iraq Oil Report citing four senior Iraqi oil officials. An initial profit-sharing contract is expected to be finalised as soon as the end of January. At the time of writing, the Mar/Apr'25 and Mar/Sep'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.83/bbl and \$3.51/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

This morning in Dated, we saw spreads roofing and DFLs going bid, with the Feb DFL trading up to highs of \$0.90/bbl and the March DFL up to \$0.62/bbl. The Q2'25 DFL also rallied up to \$0.43/bbl and the Bal-Jan DFL was bid up to \$1.03/bbl. In structures, we saw the 24-28 Feb Cal March roll bid up to \$0.52/bbl with Feb/Mar DFL trading up to \$0.30/bbl and the 13-17 Jan CFD up to \$1.15/bbl. The 27-31 Jan 1w roll also rallied up to \$0.31/bbl.

It was a busy morning with Brent/Dubai trading all the way down to the lows of this year. Feb Brent/Dubai fell from \$0.01/bbl to -\$0.11/bbl before stabilising and finishing the morning at -\$0.08/bbl. Tradehouses and banks continued to be sellers of backend Brent/Dubai, with Q2'25, Q3'25 and Q4'25 trading down from \$0.48/bbl to \$0.35/bbl, \$0.65/bbl to \$0.57/bbl and \$0.70/bbl, respectively. There was also a lot of box selling by trade houses and producers across the whole curve, with some of the most active tenors being Jul/Sep, Sep/Oct, and Oct/Nov which traded at -\$0.10/bbl, -\$0.04/bbl and -\$0.04/bbl, respectively. Trade houses were also buying Dubai spreads, with some of the most active tenors being Feb/May, May/Jun, and Jun/Jul, trading between \$2.09/bbl to \$2.11/bbl, \$0.49/bbl to \$0.55/bbl, and \$0.47/bbl to \$0.50/bbl, respectively.

FUEL

In HSFO, 380 structure was well bid down the curve to start the last day of the week, with Feb/Mar 380 trading from \$3.25/mt to \$3.50/mt. As a result, we saw Feb 380 E/W trading up to \$16.25/mt. The 380 crack was weaker in the window this morning, coming under pressure from the Feb barge crack. The front 380 crack traded down to -\$5.70/bbl from -\$5.40/bbl, before recovering somewhat post-window, trading back up to -\$5.50/bbl. As mentioned, the barge crack was well offered to start the morning off, with the front trading down to -\$8.30/bbl from -\$7.70/bbl towards the end of the window. The crack did strengthen post-window, trending with the 380 crack, closing the morning at -\$7.50/bbl. The 380 E/W traded up initially to \$16.75/mt as a result of the barge weakness. However, it came off post-window as a result of barges strengthening, closing the morning at \$15.25/mt.

In VLSFO, this morning, we initially saw outright buying on the front Sing crack, as a result the Feb Sing crack traded up to \$10.85/bbl from \$10.45/bbl. Front spreads were better bid going into the window, with Feb/Mar trading from \$4.75/mt to \$5.75/mt. Following the window, there was selling on deferred cracks as well as outright selling on the Feb Sing crack by Japanese players, which saw the front crack trade down to \$10.50/bbl. As a result, front spreads also softened, with Feb/Mar trading down to \$5.25/mt. As the morning came to a close, Sing 0.5 firmed up a touch, with the crack closing the morning at \$10.60/bbl and the front spread at \$5.75/mt. Euro crack followed the trend of the Sing crack, trading up to \$5.00/bbl from \$4.80/bbl, before being offered down to \$4.75/bbl to close the morning off. Euro structure was stronger off the back of early crack strength, with the front trading up to \$6.50/mt from \$6.25/mt.

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DISTILLATES

This morning in distillates, the Sing gasoil spreads were bid down the curve with the Feb/Mar lifted to highs as \$0.67/bbl as the Mar/Sep traded up to \$2.35/bbl. The Feb E/W was hammered down to lows of -\$23.50/mt as there before where buying came in and it retraced to -\$22.50/mt. The deferred also saw selling, the Q4'25 coming off to -\$16.50/mt. The prompt regrade was sold down to -\$1.40/bbl as the Q1'26 traded at -\$0.19/bbl.

The ICE gasoil spreads rallied, the Feb/Mar to \$6.50/mt as the cracks similarly roofed, the Q1'25 to \$18.50/bbl. Heating oil spreads similarly rallied in the front, as the HOGOs were rangebound, the Q1'25 trading at 10.9 c/gal.

GASOLINE

This morning in gasoline, we saw Feb 92 flat price valued at \$83.50/bbl at the end of the window equivalent to \$6.55/bbl on a crack basis. Feb 92 cracks saw little price action remaining rangebound between \$6.55/bbl and \$6.60/bbl as Q2'25 and Q3'25 cracks saw buying at \$7.25/bbl and \$6.55/bbl, respectively. Eastern spreads opened bid as Feb/Mar saw buying from \$0.11/bbl to \$0.20/bbl before selling came in as it weakened to \$0.15/bbl with Mar/Apr valued at \$0.30/bbl. Summer spreads were supported with Apr/Jun trading from \$0.95/bbl to \$1.03/bbl. Feb E/W came off from -\$1.65/bbl to -\$1.75/bbl with Feb EBOB cracks valued at \$8.40/bbl and Q2'25 cracks trading at \$14.80/bbl as Feb/Mar EBOB saw smalls selling at -\$7/mt with Apr/Sep offered at \$44/mt. Feb arbs traded at 4.40c/gal with Q2'25 arbs continuing to be offered at 12.45c/gal as Mar RBBRs weakened from \$ 9.55/bbl at start of the window to \$9.20/bbl.

NAPHTHA

This morning in naphtha, we saw MOPJ MOC valued at \$660/mt with MOC generally better offered. The front crack had buyside interest this morning trading at -\$2.80/bbl end window and we mainly saw flat price selling on higher crude. Spreads were still strong this morning, with Feb/Apr initially trading at \$10.25/mt and the spreads rallying to imply Feb/Apr at \$11.5/mt post-window. E/W was mixed with Feb trading at \$20.75/mt through the window with highs of \$21/mt and lows of \$20/mt post-window. NWE cracks traded at -\$5.15/bbl through the window and continued rangebound post-window with lows of -\$5.25/bbl as crude firmed. Naphtha spreads were initially offered in the window with Feb/Mar trading at \$2.25/mt but rallied post-window to trade up to \$3.25/mt, we also saw Mar/Apr trade at \$5.75/mt from \$5.25/mt at end of window.

NGLS

This morning in NGLs, FEI was slightly weaker with spreads across the curve weakening. In the front of the curve, we saw Feb/Mar and Feb/Apr trade down to \$14.5/mt to \$29.5/mt, respectively; whilst in the back of the curve, FEI spreads were more active today and weakened with Apr/Dec and Dec/Dec'26 trading down to \$11.5/mt and \$51.5/mt, respectively. In the physical window, a bid was made and improved for 2H Feb at Jan FEI (13-31st) minus \$1/mt. Eastern Arbs were quiet but implied higher owing to FEI weakness with Feb implied at -\$167/mt; we also saw Euro arbs strengthen with Feb trading at -\$115/mt. FEI/CP weakened with Feb and Mar trading down to \$12/mt and \$25/mt, respectively. EW was weaker with Feb trading down to \$52/mt owing to FEI.

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GLOBAL MACRO

- Asian equities have a bad day. Notable China CSI300 is breaking down below post stimulus lows. Longs are hurt and getting squeezed. Doesn't show much confidence in the economy. Bond yields also resume their downward trend.
- China Central Bank Suspends Temporary Purchases of Treasury Bonds
- Chinese inflation yesterday remains at deflationary levels. CPI falls to +0.1% and PPI -2.4%.
- Commodities trending higher; Bloomberg commodity index is up +2.4% this month. Gold resumes its uptrend, as well as Brent, copper, platinum, beef (all time high).
- US to finalise Chinese vehicle crackdown rules next week, Raimondo says Reuters.
- Germany saw 4,215 corporate insolvencies during Q4'24, the most since the Global Financial Crisis.
- Number of unemployed in Germany has risen for the longest stretch since the reunification.
- Fed's Bowman: Inflation elevated, and I see upside risks, progress has stalled.
- US payrolls today. 165k expected & 4.2% unemployment. A downside surprise would have a FAR bigger impact, most notably on the dollar and the front of the yield curve.

Data today:

- US payrolls, consumer sentiment
- Canadian employment

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