

FLAT PRICE

The Mar'25 Brent futures contract gapped down this morning, where it met support above \$77.50/bbl between 0100 and 0220 GMT before seeing greater support into the morning. The prompt has now inched up to just shy of \$78.85/bbl at 1042 GMT (time of writing), as it fails to surpass Friday's strongest intraday level. President Trump's brief proposal of a 25% tariff on Colombian goods, following Colombia's refusal to accept deported migrants, raised concerns, and this escalation temporarily increased demand for safe-haven assets, including the dollar. However, the situation de-escalated as the White House halted the measures after the South American country agreed to Trump's conditions. Following the open letter from the API last week, Mark Scholz, the president and CEO of the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors (CAOEC), has also come out against the inclusion of oil and gas tariffs. "Both of our economies, particularly when it comes to energy, are highly integrated and highly efficient". The Sudanese army has secured the 100kb/d al-Jaili oil refinery's perimeter after regaining control from the RSF, though fires—spreading from storage tanks to production units due to insufficient firefighting resources—have continued burning for five days, marking the facility's most severe blaze since the conflict began. At the time of writing, the Mar/Apr'25 and Mar/Sep'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$1.03/bbl and \$4.33/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

This morning in Dated, we saw spreads open high and continue to rally with the Feb DFL trading up to \$1.22/bbl and the Mar DFL up to \$0.86/bbl. The Feb/Mar DFL continued to have buy-side interest up to \$0.35/bbl. We also saw the balmo DFL trade up to \$0.85/bbl. In structures, similar to last week the 3-7 Feb roll was offered with the 3-7 1w roll getting hit down to \$0.08/bbl and the 3-7 Feb cal March roll down to \$1.46/bbl. We saw more strength out of the 10-14 week, with the 10-14 Feb cal Feb trading up to \$0.18/bbl. With Feb/Mar trading higher, there was buy-side interest in the 26-04 Mar cal Mar roll up to \$0.70/bbl

This morning was fairly quiet in Brent/Dubai. We opened slightly lower and traded rangebound, with Feb Brent/Dubai opening at -\$2.24/bbl, trading as low as -\$2.32/bbl before stabilising after the window. The Feb/Mar Dubai spread continued to strengthen, opening at \$2.50/bbl and strengthening to \$2.58/bbl. The Dubai spreads behind this strengthened as well, with the Mar/Apr and Apr/May Dubai spreads trading from \$0.97/bbl to \$1.07/bbl and \$0.66/bbl to \$0.77/bbl respectively. There was limited activity in the boxes, with the Feb/Mar and Mar/Apr being the most active tenors, sellside interest. They both traded between -\$1.71/bbl to -\$1.73/bbl and -\$0.35/bbl to -\$0.37/bbl. There was also some activity in the Brent/Dubai quarterlies, bank on the bid. Q2 and Q3 traded for -\$0.07/bbl and \$0.24/bbl to \$0.25/bbl.

FUEL

Front 380 structure was better offered this morning with Feb/Mar trading from \$8.25/mt to \$7.75/mt. Heading into the window, 380 E/W in Mar saw sell-side interests at \$20.50/mt, as a result, there was sell-side interests in Feb 380 crack from -\$2.45/bbl to -\$2.65/bbl. Mar/Apr 380 saw mixed interests at \$10.50/mt, but the rest of the front structure remained better offered for the morning. In Barges, front barge crack saw outright selling post window from -\$6.75/bbl to -\$7.00/bbl. This put pressure on front barge spreads, with Feb/Mar offered from \$1.50/mt to \$1.25/mt. In 180, VISCO saw better bids in Feb from \$6.75/mt to \$7.75/mt, this supported Feb/Mar 180 as we saw bids at \$8.50/mt post window.

This morning, front Sing 0.5 crack opened weaker at \$11.40/bbl compared to \$11.65/bbl (Friday's close); this put pressure on the front spread as we saw selling in Feb/Mar from \$7.25/mt to \$7/mt heading into the window. As the morning progressed, the sell-side pressure in spreads overtook that in crack, which pushed the front crack down to the lows of \$11.10/bbl handle, but we saw outright buying in front Sing crack up to \$11.30/bbl shortly after. However, the strength in the front Sing crack was short-lived as we then sell-side pressure in Q4 Sing crack at \$8.90/bbl; this put pressure on the front Sing crack trading down to \$11.15/bbl. Front 0.5 E/W was also well offered, and as a result, this further weakened the front spread, with Feb/Mar trading down to \$6.75/mt. In Euro, the front crack was a touch weaker trading at \$5.75/bbl following the weakness in Sing cracks. Though front Euro spreads were slightly better bid with Feb/Mar trading at \$9.50/mt.

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DISTILLATES

This morning in distillates, the front Sing gasoil spreads were better offered with the Feb/Mar and Mar/April sold down to \$0.53/bbl and \$0.60/bbl respectively as the prompt E/W was offered down by trade houses to -\$20.00/mt. Regrade rallied down the curve, with the Feb lifted to highs of -\$0.55/bbl on screen as the Feb/Mar kero rallied to highs of \$1.00/bbl before coming back off to \$0.91/bbl as Mar regrade turned better bid.

ICE gasoil spreads opened lower and traded rangebound, the Feb/Jun at \$21.75/mt as the cracks came off, the Feb to \$18.00/mt. The prompt European jet diff opened higher before ticking down to \$45.50/mt as the Q2 saw selling down to \$51.00/mt. Heating oil spreads came off for the morning, as did the HOGOs, the Q1 to 14 c/qal.

GASOLINE

This morning in gasoline, we saw 92 MOC valued at \$84.93/bbl with the Feb/Mar MOC roll bid. The front crack remained balanced at \$7.55/bbl through the window and Q2'25 cracks were valued at \$8.25/bbl. There were Chinese and Majors on the buy side of 92 structure today, with Feb/Mar trading up to \$0.17/bbl during the window and MarApr trading at \$0.45/bbl end window. E/W had real buying this morning with Feb trading at -\$1.55/bbl end window and Mar at -\$2.15/bbl. Ebob cracks had to buy this morning in Feb and Mar at \$9.10/bbl and \$10.20/bbl, respectively, and spreads were initially strong but came off later, with Feb/Mar trading at highs of -\$3.50/mt and coming off to -\$4.25/mt later on. Arbs were valued at 2.15c/gal post window but saw little other interest in the morning, RBBRs weakened overnight to trade at lows of \$8.60/bbl and traded generally rangebound around \$8.85/bbl during the morning window.

NAPHTHA

This morning in naphtha, we saw Feb MOPJ flat price valued at \$669.75/mt at the end of the window on a -\$2/bbl crack equivalent as moc was bid at +5c/mt in Feb. Feb MOPJ cracks saw little price action trading as Feb/Mar was offered from \$6.50/mt to \$6.25/mt and Mar/Apr saw selling at \$7.50/mt. Feb E/W came off to \$15.25/mt from \$15.75/mt with Q2 E/W seeing selling at \$16.75/mt and Q4 E/W valued at \$16.50/mt; NWE Feb cracks were supported trading up to -\$3.80/bbl from -\$4.05/bbl before coming off to -\$3.95/bbl as crude rallied as Q2 cracks were offered at -\$4.25/bbl. Feb/Mar NWE initially strengthened to \$7.75/mt before going well offered and trading down to \$7.25/mt and Mar/Apr also saw selling from \$8.25/mt to \$7.75/mt.

NGLS

This morning in NGLs, FEI was slightly stronger on a crude percentage basis, whilst structure was supported. In prompt structure, we saw Feb/Mar trade up to \$13.5/t whilst in deferred, May/Jun traded at \$10/mt. Physical window was primarily better bid with bids being made for 2H Feb at Feb FEI plus \$3.88/mt and 1H Mar at Mar FEI plus \$11/mt, and an offer for 2H Mar at Mar FEI plus \$16.50/mt. Arbs were weaker, with Feb Euro arb and LST/CP trading down to -\$101/mt and -\$160/mt, respectively, whilst Eastern arbs also weakened, with Feb implied lower at -\$157.50/mt. FEI/CP strengthened in the Feb tenor and Q2, trading up to -\$5/mt and \$10/mt, respectively, whilst Mar was better offered with it trading down to -\$13.50/mt. E/W was strengthened owing to FEI's slight strength, with Feb implied higher at \$56.50/mt.

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GLOBAL MACRO

- The Nasdaq is now down 3.2% on DeepSeek news, even Softbank is down 7.4%, and Solana is down 10% There is a full-blown risk-off, and the U.S. yield curve is lower: 2yr -5bp, 10yr 7bp.
- To recap DeepSeek claims. China released multiple AI models that are 50x more efficient than the best American AI models and made them open source, ruining the AI market. Created at a fraction of US investment costs (DeepSeek built for \$6 Mio allegedly without Nvidia GPUs, and requires 97% less computational power but outperforms OpenAI).
- China Tech up +3%!
- -China's manufacturing PMI is back in contraction at 49.1 (est 50.1), services 50.2 (last 52.2)

Key Data Releases This Week:

- Monday: German IFO Index, U.S. new home sales.
- Tuesday: U.S. durable goods orders, consumer confidence data.
- Wednesday: FOMC meeting (no rate changes expected).
- Thursday: U.S. GDP, jobless claims, pending home sales.
- Friday: Core PCE inflation, Employment Cost Index, Chicago PMI.

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