

# WINDOW COMMENTARY



### **FLAT PRICE**

Apr'25 Brent futures strengthened this morning. It rose from just below \$76.00/bbl at 0200 GMT to \$76.90/bbl at 1020 GMT (time of writing). President Donald Trump imposed a flat 25% tariff on steel and aluminium imports to the US, with no exceptions or exemptions, aiming to support struggling domestic industries, Reuters reports. The new tariff will impact millions of tons of imports from Canada, Brazil, Mexico, South Korea, and other countries, raising concerns about a potential multi-front trade war. JODI reported India's total product demand rose by 265 kb/d in November, and total product imports grew by 42 kb/d m/m. BP's profit dropped to \$381 million in 2024 from \$15.2 billion in 2023 due to lower refining margins, asset write-downs, and gas price impacts. Revenue fell 9% to \$195 billion, leading CEO Murray Auchincloss to announce a strategy reset on 26 Feb. He is shifting BP's focus to oil and gas while cutting back on renewable energy investment. BP plans to add six new wells to its operation in Azerbaijan's Shah Deniz gas field in the Caspian Sea. At the time of writing, the Apr/May and Apr/Oct Brent futures spreads are at \$0.50/bbl and \$3.04/bbl, respectively.

#### **CRUDE**

This morning in Dated, we saw spreads rally and strength in prompt rolls, with the 17-21 Feb 1w roll trading \$0.16/bbl and bid over and the 24-28 Feb 1w roll trading \$0.22/bbl. This pushed the Bal-Feb/Mar Dated roll to trade up to \$0.61/bbl and the balmo DFL up to \$0.65/bbl. There was also strength in March rolls with the 3-7 March 2w bid by Geneva trade and sell-side interest in cal March 17-21 March at \$0.09/bbl and cal March 24-28 March at \$0.25/bbl. The March DFL stayed more rangebound and traded up to highs of \$0.49/bbl.

This morning, after gapping lower, Brent/Dubai retraced this move, finishing the morning strong, with Mar Brent/Dubai trading from as low as -\$0.53/bbl up to -\$0.43/bbl. The Dubai spreads moved up, with the Mar/Apr and Apr/May trading up from \$0.69/bbl and \$0.69/bbl to \$0.72/bbl and \$0.73/bbl. There was trade house selling of the boxes, with the Mar/May and Mar/Jun boxes trading -\$0.41/bbl and -\$0.59/bbl to -\$0.60/bbl, respectively. There was also activity in Q2 Brent/Dubai which traded at -\$0.05/bbl.

#### **FUEL**

380 structure saw bids in both prompt and deferred at the start of the morning. There was a lot of interests in Mar/Apr, trading from \$14.50/mt to \$14.75/mt and Apr/May saw buying up to \$8.75/mt. The strength of the front spreads, therefore, supported the front 380 crack at \$0.90/bbl. However, post window, we saw sell-side interests in front 380 crack; this, together with the selling interests in Q2 380 crack, put pressure on the front crack, trading down to the lows of \$0.70/bbl. As a result, front spreads also softened, with Mar/Apr stabilising at \$14.50/mt. 380 EW traded up to \$26.00/mt following the initial strength in 380, but softened to \$25/mt post window due to the weakness in 380. Front barge crack saw little interest and was trading around -\$3.00/bbl handles for the 1st half of the morning but then saw aggressive selling down to -\$3.85/bbl. A similar story on barge spreads, with Mar/Apr weakened from \$5.25/mt to \$4.75/mt.

Front Sing 0.5 crack opened a touch stronger at \$11.80/bbl compared to \$11.75/bbl (yesterday's close). Front structure was better bid with Mar/Apr trading from \$6.50/mt to \$6.75/mt, as a result, this supported the front crack up to \$11.90/bbl. As the morning progressed, we saw interests in front 0.5 E/W trading between \$41.50/mt and \$41.25/mt without a clear axe, but the front Sing crack eventually softened to \$11.85/bbl. In Euro, the front crack was a touch stronger following the strength of the front Sing crack from \$5.35/bbl to \$5.40/bbl. This supported front structure. Front structure then saw buy-side interests with Mar/Apr bid from \$6.50/mt to \$6.75/mt.

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#### **DISTILLATES**

This morning in distillates, the front Sing gasoil spreads were better bid with the Mar/Apr, and Apr/May lifted on screen to \$0.70/bbl and \$0.75/bbl, respectively, as there was selling in the Jun/Dec at \$2.30/bbl. The prompt E/W was sold down to -\$21.25/mt on stronger IPE as the Q3 remained supported at -\$15.50/mt. Regrade remained rangebound, the Mar trading between -\$0.80/bbl and -\$0.68/bbl while the kero spreads were better bid, the Mar/Apr up to \$1.05/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads rallied for the morning, the Mar/Jun to \$26.00/mt as the cracks similarly rallied, the Mar swap to \$19.90/mt. European jet diffs softened in the prompt, the Mar to lows of \$48.50/mt as the deferred remained rangebound. Heating oil spreads rallied as the HOGOs ticked higher, the Q2 to 11 c/gal.

#### **GASOLINE**

This morning in gasoline we saw 92 MOC valued at \$85.62/bbl with the Mar/Apr MOC roll offered. The front crack was balanced, trading around \$9.55/bbl in the morning, and in the window, we saw selling in Q3 cracks, with it trading at \$7.75/bbl. Spreads strengthened into the end window, with Mar/Apr trading at \$0.48/bbl but came off afterwards to trade down to lows of \$0.40/bbl while we saw E/W balanced and trading at -\$1.90/bbl in the morning. EBOB cracks had selling in Mar at \$11.40/bbl at the end of the window, and spreads remained balanced with Mar/Apr trading at -\$29/mt and Apr/May seeing buying at \$3.25/mt. Arbs had little interest in the morning but the Q2 was valued at 17.65c/gal post window while RBBRs were better offered during the window from trading around \$22.20/bbl to \$22.10/bbl end window but later on traded rangebound around 22.2/bbl.

#### **NAPHTHA**

This morning in naphtha, we saw MOPJ MOC valued at \$668/mt with MOC better bid. The front crack traded down to -\$1.10/bbl during the window as there was petchem selling flat price and spreads through the morning. Mar/Apr traded at \$8.50/mt and the Q2/Q3 spread had selling at \$18.50/mt. E/W came off with Mar trading down from \$18/mt to \$17/mt post window while NWE cracks softened but were supported with the front trading around -3.05/bbl. Mar/Apr remained supported at \$9.50/mt and Apr/May at \$8.25/mt.

#### **NGLS**

This morning in NGLs, FEI weaker on a crude percentage basis in the window with flatprice bids getting hit at the end of the window down from \$616/mt to \$614/mt but was better bid at those levels, with \$615/mt getting hit at the end. FEI spreads weakened with flat price getting hit and CP also weaker, with Mar/Apr trading down from \$14.75/mt to \$13.50/mt and Apr/May from \$12.50/mt to \$11.50/mt. CP flat price was well offered in the window with the Phys window seeing offers for split AG cargoes at \$610/\$595 C3/C4. FEI/CP rallied hard on CP weakness with Mar trading up from -\$10/mt before the window to -\$3/mt post-window. Apr and May FEI/CP were also well bid, trading up to -\$7/mt and \$0.50/mt CP spreads were also well offered by trades and majors, with Mar/Apr being sold down to \$7/mt in the window from \$12/mt earlier but recovering to \$8/mt post-window and seeing more scaleback offers. Apr/May and May/Jun CP were also sold down to \$20/mt each. E/W was relatively quiet but implied slightly lower around \$58/mt with Mar NWE better bid alongside ProNaps bid in the prompt. Arbs also quiet, implied around -\$151/mt in Mar, apart from Q3/Q4 LST/FEI trading at flat.

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#### **GLOBAL MACRO**

Trump kept his promise... for now, raising tariffs on steel and aluminium imports to 25% "without exceptions or exemptions". Trump also discussed starting tariffs on other areas, including chips, autos, and pharmaceuticals. Reciprocal tariff details will also be released in the next few days. The NYSE Arca Steel index is up 3.3% on the day. Prompt aluminium futures on the LME currently up about 1% on the day. The treasury curve bull steepened marginally, with the 10 year yield rising 1.4 bps. 5 year breakevens remain in their uptrend. Dollar little changed. US premium widening in copper, COMEX prompt futures now highest multiyear premium over LME.

Chinese equities were hit relative to yesterday's close. The Hang Seng lead the way lower, down -1%, with the CSI 300 down -0.5%, Shanghai Comp down -0.3% and Shenzhen down -0.7% at the time of writing.

Gold spot reached as high as \$2942/oz this morning for yet another ATH. Appeal is having far reaching impacts globally with South African listed goldminers jumping 2.3% yesterday. Newmont up 3% yesterday. Harmony mining is up almost 45% since the start of the year and tracking gold spot. Gold market is tightening, Shanghai gold exchange increased the margin rate on several gold contracts from 10-11%.

Sales of cars, home appliances, and digital products under trade-in programs totalled 31bn yuan during the Chinese New Year holiday. The equipment upgrade and consumer goods trade-in programmes drove equipment purchases and investment up 15.7% through 2024, according to the Nation Development and Reform Commission. That accounted for over 60% of total investment growth. In FY 2024, consumers purchased around 62mn eligible home appliances under the scheme totalling 270bn yuan, and 6.8mn vehicles were traded in (worth about 920bn yuan).

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