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FLAT PRICE

The Apr'25 Brent futures contract softened slightly from \$72.75/bbl at 0200 GMT to \$72.50/bbl at around 0730 GMT before there was better support to \$73.30/bbl at 1015 GMT (time of writing). President Trump announced he would revoke Chevron's license to operate in Venezuela, which Biden had granted over two years ago. This move halts Chevron's exports of 240kb/d, a significant portion of Venezuela's oil output. According to Reuters, Trump attributed his decision to the absence of electoral reforms in Venezuela and inadequate measures on migration. Chevron planned to increase exports from its Petropiar operation by 50% this year, reaching 143kb/d. Eni SpA's Q4 profit fell 46% to €892 million due to lower oil prices, weak refining margins, and missing estimates. Despite 3% production growth, exploration earnings and refining performance lagged, with a €275 million loss. The company also announced a new Southeast Asia joint venture. Pemex's crude oil exports fell 44% in January to 530kb/d, the lowest since 1990. This marks a sharp drop from last year's 811kb/d. Exports to the Americas declined 36% to 321kb/d, as US refiners recently reportedly avoided Mexican crude due to high water content. Markets are also watching Trump's Russian-Ukrainian peace talks, with Ukrainian President Zelenskiy set to visit Washington to sign a rare earth minerals deal, contingent on successful negotiations and continued US aid. At the time of writing, the Apr/May'25 and Apr/Oct'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.52/bbl and \$2.70/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

Strong morning in Dated. Front rolls rallied as 24-28 Feb vs Cal Mar was lifted from \$0.25/bbl to \$0.35/bbl, whilst 31-4 Apr vs Cal Mar was paid up at \$0.52/bbl. Mar/Apr rallied alongside up to \$0.24/bbl on the DFL roll, with Mar gapping higher from \$0.57/bbl to \$0.76/bbl.

This morning was quiet in Brent/Dubai, with Mar'25 Brent/Dubai trading in a tight range between -\$0.98/bbl and -\$0.94/bbl. There was continued tradehouse selling of the Mar/Apr/May Dubai fly, with buying in the spreads behind this. Mar/Apr and Apr/May Dubai spreads traded between \$0.69/bbl to \$0.72/bbl and \$0.69/bbl to 0.74/bbl, respectively. In the boxes, flow was minimal, with Mar/Apr, May/Jun and Jun/Jul trading -\$0.23/bbl, -\$0.28/bbl, and -\$0.2/bbl to -\$0.21/bbl. There was refiner on the offer in Q2'25, which traded -\$0.47/bbl on screen.

FUEL

In HSFO, 380 structure in Mar/Apr continued to see outright buying up from \$22.75/mt to \$24.25/mt in the window. This caused the front 380 crack to rally from \$1/bbl to the highs of \$1.40/bbl. As a result, front 380 E/W was strongly supported trading up to \$28.50/mt form \$26.50/mt, and front barge crack followed the strength in the front 380 crack and strengthened from -\$3.25/bbl to -\$3.05/bbl. Post window, there was aggressive selling in Mar/Apr 380 as we saw it gapped down from \$24.25/mt to \$21/mt; this put pressure on the front 380 cracks trading down to the lows of \$0.8/bbl. Front E/W was therefore weaker trading at \$25.50/mt. The front barge crack also softened to \$-3.40/bbl, with some selling interests in the front Mar/Apr spread at \$5.50/mt as the morning progressed.

In VLSFO, front Sing 0.5 crack opened weaker at \$8.40/bbl compared to \$8.50/bbl yesterday's close, and interests remained better offered during the window. As a result, front Sing structure was better offered, with Mar/Apr trading from \$1.25/mt to \$1.00/mt. Post window, front Sing crack further weakened down to \$8.30/bbl as we saw offers in front Sing Hi-5 and 0.5 E/W. Though we saw some buying in the front Sing crack and Euro crack shortly after, which further supported both cracks up to \$8.70/bbl and \$4/bbl respectively. Euro structure turned better bid as the morning progressed, with Mar/Apr trading at \$6.50/mt from \$6/mt (yesterday's close), and some buyside interests in prompt Euro Hi-5.

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DISTILLATES

Sing gasoil spreads initially sold off into the morning before trade house and refiner buying provided support to this market. The May/Apr spread weakened to \$0.48/bbl, before rallying to \$0.55/bbl post-window, while the Mar/Apr/May fly traded at \$0.00/bbl. The E/W at the front of the curve was relatively rangebound after yesterday's strong rally, trading between -\$22.25/mt and -\$21.50/mt, coming back off to -\$22.00/mt post-window as ICE gasoil spreads recovered into the midmorning. Regrade weakened into the morning, coming off from -\$0.85/bbl to -\$1.10/bbl post-window, with Q2'25 trading at -\$1.05/bbl and the deferred quarterlies also weaker into the afternoon. Kero spreads saw the Mar/Apr trade between \$0.66/bbl and \$0.69/bbl this morning, with the Mar/Apr regrade roll weakening as the Sing gasoil spreads rallied.

ICE gasoil spreads were stronger through the morning, with Mar/Apr rallying from \$11.75/mt to \$13.00/mt, and Apr/Jun strengthening from \$12.00/mt to \$14.00/mt. Similarly, the ICE gasoil cracks strengthened as Mar rallied to \$18.75/bbl while the Q4'25 is also stronger at \$18.00/bbl post-window. NWE jet diffs saw a rangebound start to the morning in the prompt, with Mar ticking down a couple of ticks to \$39.00/mt, while some Q2'26 and Q3'26 interest was seen at \$51.50/mt on both these quarterlies. HOGOs pulled back up from yesterday's lows into this morning. The Mar swap is at 13.10c/gal with the Q4'25 at 13.05c/gal post-window.

GASOLINE

This morning, 92 MOC was valued at \$81.50/bbl with the Mar/Apr MOC roll bid. Mar 92 cracks were valued at \$9.15/bbl at end of window and deferred cracks had more buy-side interest this morning with the Cal'26 bid at \$5.20/bbl. Spreads in 92 remained balanced this morning with Mar/Apr trading around \$0.60/bbl and Apr/May'25 at \$0.75/bbl. EW had real interest on both sides but softened from -\$0.5/bbl to -\$0.6/bbl before turning better bid again post-window to trade up to -\$0.45/bbl. In the front, EBOB cracks traded around \$9.75/bbl at the end of the window and came off post-window to trade down to \$9.55/bbl. Spreads had better sell-side interest through the morning with Mar/Apr softening from -\$28.75/mt to -\$29/mt and Apr/Jun'25 valued at \$6.75/mt. Arbs saw buying in Q4'25 at 7.4c/gal while RBBRs remained weak this morning trading rangebound through the morning window around \$20.15/bbl before coming off slightly post-window to trade at \$20/bbl in May.

NAPHTHA

In MOPJ this morning, MOC was valued around \$648.75/mt with the Mar/Apr MOC roll also bid. Flat price was mixed at the end of the window but there was slightly better selling while we also saw May cracks trading at -\$1/bbl at the end of window. Spreads initially were better offered with Mar/Apr'25 trading at \$12.5/mt pre-window before firming to trade at \$13/mt in the window as the MOC roll went bid. EW in Mar'25 remained balanced in the morning trading at \$14.75/mt but came off post-window to trade down to \$14/mt while in NWE cracks in the front were balanced at -\$1.2/bbl during the window and firmed up to -\$1.1/bbl post-window while Q3'25 crks were supported and trading at -\$3.9/bbl. Spreads also remained balanced in the morning with Mar/Apr and Apr/May trading at \$16.75/mt and \$9.5/mt, respectively.

NGLS

FEI strengthened on a crude percentage basis and post CP settle announcement with Mar handles trading from \$600/mt pre-announcement to \$605/mt. Structure was balanced in the prompt with Mar/Apr and Apr/May trading at \$12/mt and \$10.5/mt, respectively; whilst in deferred, we saw Jun/Dec trading at -\$6/mt. Physical window was a lot quieter with just a bid being made for 1H Apr at \$603/mt fixed. CP settlements were announced for C3 and C4 at \$615/mt and \$605/mt, respectively. Post-announcement, CP became turbo bid owing to very strong settle with Apr CP trading up to \$600/mt levels. In structure, we saw Apr/May trade up to \$20/mt before being balanced at \$18/mt levels. FEI/MOPJs gained strength as a result of the news with May and Q2'25 trading up to -\$46.5/mt and -\$46/mt. FEI/CP came off on CP structure strength with Apr and June trading down to -\$5/mt and \$11/mt, respectively, post-window, Apr'25 traded at -\$3/mt. E/W also gained strength on FEI strength with Mar and 2H trading up to \$62/mt and \$70/mt, respectively.

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GLOBAL MACRO

China to start recapitalizing banks with at least \$55 billion. Why suddenly now? Mixed market reaction to Nvidia earnings, despite solid headline numbers and forward guidance the stock closes after hours -1.3%. Thee one negative gross margins are expected to be 71.0% next quarter, a sharp decline from 74.56%. If it can't go up on good news,

Trump: We'll have good relationships with China, Russia, and the Middle East. Trump decision on tariffs on EU: 25% Trump: EU was formed to screw USA - and they've done a good job of it Trump: The US will invest in China. Trump: I will not comment on whether China should not take Taiwan by force. US and Russia to meet to discuss restoring embassy staffing — NYT.

EU will react firmly and immediately to US tariffs - AFP, EUR Lower!

U.S. growth will take a material hit from Musk and Trumps measures. Musk "Indeed, it is essential to reduce the budget deficit to match economic growth! We will get the 2026 deficit to ~3% of GDP. Sensible deregulation will ensure that economic growth is ~3% or higher. That will both DEFEAT INFLATION and REDUCE INTEREST RATES for all Americans!"

Congress is now signalling a desire for even bigger cuts. The house budget passed last night extends the TCJA with 1.5-2tln in pay-for cuts to programs for the poor, outlining a big fiscal tightening ahead despite no deficit progress

TREASURY SEC BESSENT: THE U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR HAS BEEN IN A 'RECESSION'. BESSENT: `OUR GOAL IS TO RE-PRIVATIZE THE ECONOMY' AFTER BIDEN Remember: Bond yields are falling for bad reasons (weaker growth), not good reasons (a disinflationary surprise).

January new home sales -10.5% m/m vs. -2.6% est. & +8.1% prior (rev up from +3.6%). Volatile, worth ignoring, it's rangebound for now. New German chancellor Merz in a Feb 18th interview "The next financial crisis is definitely coming," he said. "It will be a sovereign debt crisis. We don't know when it will come. We don't know from where it will come from, but it will come." *ALPHABET'S GOOGLE CUTS EMPLOYEES IN CLOUD DIVISION

A billion human beings in India do NOT have air conditioning, and that's about to change. "Global demand for liquefied natural gas is forecast to surge 60% by 2040 -- due to faster economic growth in Asia." -- Shell, February 26, 2025

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