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FLAT PRICE

Apr'25 Brent futures has seen weakness overnight, falling from \$73.85/bbl around 02:30 GMT down to \$73.10/bbl at 10:40 GMT (time of writing). Crude oil prices have seen bearish sentiment after Trump said that 25% tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico will come into effect on 4 March, in addition to raising tariffs on China by 10%. In the news today, Alberta, Canada's top oil-producing province, is projecting its first budget deficit after four years of surpluses as the prospect of a trade war with the US grows, Bloomberg reported. Alberta is poised be hit hardest by President Trump's tariffs, as it supplies the bulk of the 4mb/d of crude oil that the US imports from Canada. In other news, China's imports of Russian Far East crude and Iranian oil are expected to rebound in March as non-sanctioned tankers begin to replace vessels under US embargo, as per Reuters. A three-fold jump in freight rates for tankers to load ESPO crude from Russia's port of Kozmino to China drew at least 17 non-sanctioned tankers on the route between 11 and 20 February, according to Vortexa. Meanwhile, British Energy Secretary Ed Miliband is set to visit China in March to restart talks on energy cooperation and meet Chinese investors, sources told Reuters. Finally, Argentina's production output is anticipated to hit around 850kb/d at the end of 2025, according to S&P Global. The launch of additional capacity in March or April on a major oil pipeline is expected to accelerate production in Vaca Muerta by around 30%. At the time of writing, the Apr/May'25 and Apr/Oct'25 Brent futures spreads stand at \$0.39/bbl and \$2.62/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

Weaker morning in Dated, with Mar coming off to lows of \$0.63/bbl. Mar/Apr weakened down to \$0.18/bbl, as roll offers came in. 10-14 Mar cal Apr was sold from \$0.83/bbl to \$0.80/bbl, whilst the front roll was sold down to \$0.06/bbl.

This morning in Brent/Dubai we opened flat before moving higher, with Mar Brent/Dubai opening at -\$1.01/bbl, and trading up to -\$0.92/bbl. There was refiner on the offer, and mostly market makers on the bid. The Dubai spreads moved lower, with the Mar/Apr and Apr/May trading down from \$0.76/bbl to \$0.68/bbl and \$0.76/bbl to \$0.71/bbl. There was Chinese refiner buying of the Mar/May Dubai spread and a trade house selling the Mar/Apr/May Dubai fly again. In the boxes, it was fairly quiet with Mar/Apr trading higher, from -\$0.25/bbl up to -\$0.21/bbl. The only box flow further down the curve was Jul/Aug which traded -\$0.11 to -\$0.10/bbl.

FUEL

In HSFO, the 380 crack in Mar and Apr was offered this morning, trading to lows of \$0.15/bbl and -\$2.75/bbl, respectively. As a result, front structure in Mar/Apr sold off due to the weakness in front cracks from \$22.50/mt (yesterday's close) to \$21.00/mt. Post-window, Mar/Apr saw better buy-side interest, which supported it to \$21.50/mt, front cracks also recovered with Mar and Apr trading up to \$0.30/bbl and -\$2.65/bbl, respectively. This supported the front 380 E/W at \$25.25/mt. In 3.5% barges, front cracks in Apr saw mixed interest, trading at -\$4.00/bbl handles. Structure in Mar/Apr was a touch better, offered at \$5.25/mt this morning.

In VLSFO, the front Sing 0.5 crack was weaker at open, trading from \$8.60/bbl to \$8.40/bbl pre-window. Sing Hi-5 was well offered in the front in Mar and Apr, which further put pressure on the front Sing crack, however, this did not move structure in the front with Mar/Apr trading at \$1.50/mt the whole morning. As the morning progressed, the front Sing crack saw some buying, strengthening it up to \$8.70/bbl. We then started seeing offers in 0.5 E/W, which supported the front 0.5 Euro crack. As a result, front 0.5 Euro crack saw better strength than the front Sing crack, with value implied at \$4.25/bbl from \$4.10/bbl (yesterday's close). Front Euro structure in Mar/Apr was well bid from \$6.50/mt to \$6.75/mt.

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DISTILLATES

Sing gasoil spreads opened stronger at the front of the curve, with Mar/Apr trading up to \$0.63/bbl for size, before coming back down to \$0.58/bbl, rallying back to \$0.67/bbl post-window. The Apr/May gas also rallied from \$0.60/mt to \$0.65/mt, with May/Jun up at \$0.50/mt post-window. Prompt E/W remained rangebound, trading between -\$22.25/mt and -\$22.00/mt, before going better offered at -\$22.25/mt into the afternoon. The deferred E/Ws were hit down, with Q4'25 trading from -\$14.75/mt to -\$15.00/mt, in an overall quieter morning session today. Regrades were weak, as Mar was hit down to -\$1.35/bbl, before finding support at this level ahead of the window, rallying back up to -\$1.25/bbl after it. There was also sell-side interest in the regrade rolls, with Mar/May getting hit down to -\$0.14/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads weakened on the open before rallying post-window. The Mar/Apr spread is at \$13.50/mt, off lows of \$12.75/mt, while the Apr/Jun spread has rallied to \$14.50/mt post-window. Similarly, ICE gasoil cracks strengthened into the mid-morning period, with Mar at \$19.20/bbl and the Q4'25 at \$18.40/bbl. NWE jet diffs opened weaker in the prompt, with Mar indicated at \$38.50/mt, as the Mar/Apr/May diff fly traded at flat. There was also interest in the Q4'25 diff, trading at \$50.00/mt post-window. HOGOs opened off the highs of yesterday's close but rallied back into the mid-morning period at the front of the curve. The Mar swap is at 14.40c/gal with the Q4'25 at 13.90c/gal.

GASOLINE

This morning in gasoline, we saw flat price valued at the end of the window equivalent to around \$9.45/bbl on a crack basis in Mar 92. MOC saw buying, leaving eastern spreads well supported in the front, the MarApr trading between 65c and 68c and AprMay between 77c and 80c. E/W trading higher with flat price selling in EBOB with Mar'25 E/W trading at -\$0.15/bbl and Q2'25 getting lifted at -\$5/bbl. Arbs implied higher on flat price selling at 3.5% barge open, leading to Q2'25 arbs getting lifted to 18c/gal.

NAPHTHA

This morning, we saw Mar'25 MOPJ flat price traded around \$648.5/mt while the Mar'25 MOPJ crack traded at -15c at the end of the window. The front MOPJ spreads were initially better bid by physical players, supporting the prompt NWE crack trading up to -\$1.50/bbl before the window, and Mar'25 MOPJ crack traded at +5c/bbl. Mar/Apr'25 MOPJ MOC roll was well bid as well. Mar/Apr'25 MOPJ traded between \$12.75/mt and \$13/mt as we saw real interest on both sides and Apr/May'25 bought at \$8.75/mt. However, the front NWE spreads were a touch softer this morning, especially Mar/May'25. Mar/May'25 NWE sold down to \$24.5/mt in size by trade houses. MOPJ flat prices were offered at the end of the window, putting further pressure on the front cracks, with Mar trading down to -\$1.60/bbl. The front E/W traded between \$13.75/mt and \$14.00/mt.

NGLS

This morning in NGLs, FEI was better offered with structure in general coming off in both the front and back of the curve. In prompt, we saw Mar/Apr trade rangebound at \$11.5/mt - \$12/mt levels and Apr/May trading down to \$9.5/mt; whilst in deferred, we saw Jun/July and Jun/Dec trade down to \$5/mt and -\$5.5/mt, respectively. The physical window was fairly quiet with just a bid being made for 1H Apr at Apr FEI plus \$10/mt. Arbs gained strength on FEI weakness with Apr trading to -\$152/mt, whilst Euro arb was weaker on Europe strength with Mar trading at -\$90/mt. In Europe, we saw Mar flat price trade up to \$545/mt with prompt structure strengthening in Mar/Apr, trading up to \$23.5/mt; as a result, we saw E/W come off with Mar E/W trading down to \$54/mt. FEI/CP weakened owing to FEI weakness with Apr and May trading down to -\$5.5/mt and \$1/mt, respectively.

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GLOBAL MACRO

- Nasdag down -2.75%, Bitcoin -7.2% (-25% from highs), Nikkei -2.9%, HS Tech -5.3%, Nvidia -8.5%
- Perhaps more interesting is the CDX High yield credit default swap turned higher, if this continues higher then fear in markets will become amplified
- Weaker US data US initial jobless claims jump 242K versus 221K estimate.
- US pending home sales index hits an all-time low. US January pending home sales -4.6% vs -1.3% expected.
- US January durable goods orders +3.1% vs +2.0% expected.

Trump clarifies tariff data confusion:

- TRUMP: MEXICO, CANADA TARIFFS ON MARCH 4.
- TRUMP: APRIL 2 RECIPROCAL TARIFF DATE REMAINS IN FULL FORCE.
- TRUMP: CHINA TO ALSO BE CHARGED ADDITIONAL 10% TARIFF THAT DATE (20% TOTAL).
- US Commerce Secretary Nominee Lutnick: we will decrease interest rates.
- Trump, Zelenskiy to sign minerals deal at White House meeting.
- XI SAYS CHINA SHOULD SPEED UP ON BOOSTING CONSUMPTION: QIUSHI BBG
- China: to take all necessary countermeasures. China warns that the US proposal to levy port fees on Chinese ships could backfire Xinhua.
- Canada's PM Trudeau: We will have an immediate and extremely strong response if the US imposes tariffs next Tuesday.

Data today:

• German Retail Sales, CPI & Unemployment, French/Italian CPI, US PCE & Dallas Fed.

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