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FLAT PRICE

The May'25 Brent crude futures rose to \$71.40/bbl on Thursday morning before dropping to \$70.75/bbl by 10:30 GMT (time of writing). In the news, a North Dakota jury ordered Greenpeace to pay over \$660 million to Energy Transfer Partners for defamation and business interference linked to protests against the Dakota Access pipeline, though Greenpeace plans to appeal. Climate activist group Follow This is urging BP investors to vote against Chairman Helge Lund's reappointment, protesting the company's shift away from its clean-energy strategy without shareholder approval. Oil executives met with President Trump to push for faster permitting and regulatory rollbacks, focusing on industry-friendly policies rather than discussing falling crude prices. President Trump is considering extending Chevron's license to pump oil in Venezuela while exploring financial penalties on countries buying Venezuelan crude, as CEO Mike Wirth lobbies for a reprieve amid geopolitical and economic tensions. Fed Chair Jerome Powell downplayed economic risks and called the inflationary impact of tariffs "transitory," reassuring markets but risking credibility if inflation proves more persistent. Finally, the front (May/Jun) and 6-month (May/Nov) Brent futures spreads are at \$0.43/bbl and \$2.35/bbl respectively.

CRUDE

This morning in Dated, we saw spreads come off with Apr/May offered down to flat. Continued selling of rolls in the front with the 7-11 vs Cal april offered down to \$0.06/bbl and the 31-4 Apr 2-week roll offered down to \$0.22/bbl. There was buyside interest in mid and back-end April rolls with 6-9 May vs Cal May trading in size up to \$0.15/bbl and bids coming in for 23-29 Apr vs Cal May and 22-02 May vs Cal May. There was however selling of the 14-17 April vs Cal May which traded down to \$0.42/bbl. We also saw May/July DFL buy-sude interest and with Apr/Jun offers supporting the Jun/Jul DFL up to \$0.05/bbl.

This morning in Brent/Dubai we opened much lower, with Apr Brent/Dubai trading down from -\$1.4/bbl to -\$1.53/bbl. There was a large amount of Q3 and Q4 selling, which traded down from -\$0.39/bbl and -\$0.01 to -\$0.55/bbl and -\$0.12/bbl respectively. There was major and Tradehouse on the offer, and producer and Fund on the bid. Then into the window we started to strengthen, with Apr Brent/Dubai rallying from -\$1.53/bbl to -\$1.36/bbl. In the spreads we traded rangebound, with Apr/May and May/June trading between \$0.78/bbl to \$0.84/bbl and \$0.69/bbl to \$0.74/bbl. The boxes were also quiet with Jun/Jul and Q3/Q4 trading -\$0.21/bbl to -\$0.2/bbl and -\$0.4/bbl.

FUEL

This morning, we initially saw buyside interests in front 380 crack at -\$2.50/bbl. However, front structure was better offered in the window, with Apr/May trading from \$5.50/mt to \$5/mt. Post window, we saw better buying in front 380 crack at -\$2.30/bbl which gave strength to the front EW trading up to \$7.50/mt, before softening to \$7/mt shortly after as we saw better buying in front barge cracks. Front barge crack saw better bids trading from -\$3.60/bbl to -\$3.45/bbl, this supported structure with bids in Apr/May at \$4.75/mt.

This morning, front Sing crack was initially better offered trading down to \$7.40/bbl. As a result, front structure was offered with Apr/May trading at \$1/mt. Post window, we saw better buying in the front, with the front crack trading up to \$7.60/bbl, therefore spreads in the front saw buyside interests trading up to \$1.25/mt. In Euro, front crack was supported by the buying in Q3 Euro crack, therefore it was trading at \$3.00/bbl handles the whole morning. However, structure down the curve remained fairly well offered, with Apr/May trading at \$4.75/mt.

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DISTILLATES

This morning in distillates, there was continued tradehouse selling in the front Sing gasoil spreads, the Apr/May sold down to lows of \$0.36/bbl as the April EW was sold down to -\$19.25/mt on stronger ICE gasoil and traded between here and -\$19.00/mt for the morning as the May was better bid, lifted on screen to -\$15.75/mt post-window. The prompt regrade was sold back down to -\$0.98/bbl as the Q3 traded at -\$0.75/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads were rangebound for the morning having rallied into the close yesterday, the Apr/Jun trading at \$11.50/mt as the Apr crack sold off to \$17.65/bbl. European jet diffs opened weaker, the Balmo trading down to \$50.00 from \$52.50/mt yesterday as the Q2/Q3 box traded down from \$1.75 to \$1.50/mt. Heating oil spreads were rangebound for the morning as the HOGOs ticked higher, the Q2 to 8.4 c/gal.

GASOLINE

This morning in Gaosline we saw flat price valued at the end of the window equivalent to around \$8.3/bbl on a crack basis in Apr 92. MOC saw better selling today with 92 spreads softening, Apr/May trading at 55c and May/Jun down to 63c. Cracks found support from Q2 and Q3 92vMOPJ buying which traded up to \$10.2/bbl and \$9.8/bbl respectively. Europe spreads softened this morning on barge open with Apr/May trading at -\$3/mt and MayJun at \$2/mt with arbs continuing to see buying interest. EW seeing buyside interest with Europe spreads better offered, Apr trading up to -\$3.95/bbl post-window.

NAPHTHA

This morning, MOPJ flat price traded equivalent to -\$0.70/bbl at the end of the window. MOPJ spreads were better offered, with apr/may selling down from \$9.50/mt to \$8.75/mt and may/jun trading down to \$6.75/mt. The front crack opened lower on higher crude and went further down due to weakened spreads, with Apr nap crack trading down from -\$2.75/bbl to -\$2.95/bbl. Q3 crack traded around -\$4.10/bbl and Q4 traded at -\$4.20/bbl. NWE spreads went down in line with MOPJ spreads, with Apr/May and May/Jun trading down to \$8.75/mt and \$6.75/mt respectively. However, the prompt MOPJ spread was well bid at \$9.00/mt by majors post window, which lent support on the front E/W, with Apr trading at \$19.50/mt. We saw mixed interests on May MOPJ crack post window, trading between -\$1.35/bbl and -\$1.30/bbl.

NGLS

A very quiet morning in NGL's, with FEI balanced and structure in the front strengthening whilst deferred was very well bid. In prompt, we saw Apr/May and May/June trade up to \$12.5/mt and \$9.5/mt respectively; whilst in deferred, we saw strong interest in Dec/Dec with it trading up to \$54/mt and other deferred spreads as a result trading up such as Feb/Mar'26 and Nov/Dec'26 to \$18.5/mt and \$1/mt respectively. Physical window was solely bid with bids being made for 2H Apr at Apr FEI plus \$16.5/mt and 2H Apr at Balmo Mar FEI plus \$1/mt. Arbs were broadly unchanged in the front and back with Apr and Q3 trading at -\$156/mt and -\$148/mt respectively, whilst deferred arb rolls traded down owing to deferred FEI structure strength with Q1/Q2 26 trading at -\$5.5/mt. FEI/CP gained strength with Apr trading up to -\$9/mt during the window; whilst EW was unchanged with Apr trading at \$64/mt.



GLOBAL MACRO

- A very dovish Fed sees the 2-year yield fall 14bp from its high and equities rally (Nasdaq +1.3%), gold rally and cross-Yen currencies fall. They revised growth lower, both unemployment & inflation higher and reduce the balance sheet run off form 1st April.
- Powell did say "The economy is strong overall", "Recent indications point to moderation in consumer spending" and there is "Heightened uncertainty about business outlook" while playing down the inflation risk "Inflation was transitory the last time there were tariffs."
- However, the Fed now appears data driven (which is backward looking, amid plenty of Tariff uncertainty, and while the Fed dot plots project 50bp of cuts this year and next, the OIS is pricing 64bp of cuts this year and looking for more.
- Fed cuts year-end GDP forecast from 2.1% to 1.7%.
- Fed raises year-end core PCE forecast from 2.5% to 2.8%.
- Fed raises year-end unemployment forecast from 4.3% to 4.4%.
- TRUMP: If the Fed isn't going to cut, I'm going to make them want to cut.
- TRUMP AIDES PREP NEW TARIFFS ON IMPORTS WORTH TRILLIONS FOR 'LIBERATION DAY' WAPO
- Copper hits \$10,046.50 per ton, driven by U.S. tariff fears, supply shortages, and green energy demand.
- "CTAs are short -\$34bn of US equities vs long \$52bn of European equities ... that spread is the largest we have ever seen by a decent margin" Goldman Sachs
- And while we've recently highlighted the massive spike in supply of US family homes for sale mortgage applications are up 27% y/y. Backward looking data but still signalling rates are not restrictive for the housing market at these levels.
- UK labour market data, but mostly reassuring... headline unemployment stable at relatively low 4.4%, payrolled employment little changed regular pay growth in the private sector holding above 6% (though this may be too hot for the BoE). However these are lagging indicators for January and February, the forward-looking surveys are much weaker.
- Euro-area inflation slowed more than initially reported, strengthening the case for the European Central Bank to lower borrowing costs.
- Amazon eyes sales of used cars Automotive News | Probably not a positive for used car dealers trading at 100x EPS, with record margins.
- TURKEY'S MAIN STOCK INDEX PLUNGES ALMOST 7% AMID POLITICAL DRAMA.

Data Today:

• Bank of England policy meeting (no change in rates expected), US jobless claims, Philly Fed data, Leading indicators & Existing home sales. Canada PPI, Japanese CPI overnight.

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