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FLAT PRICE

The Aug'25 Brent crude futures rose to \$65.95/bbl which proved to be a level of resistance as prices failed for the second time to breach this level after failing initially last night. Prices dropped to \$65.65/bbl by 11:30 BST (time of writing). In the news, India sees falling oil prices - projected around \$65/bbl - as a strategic opportunity to diversify crude imports, reduce its \$150 billion annual oil bill, and boost domestic exploration, with 40 supply sources now including Argentina. BlackRock has been removed from Texas' fossil fuel boycott list after retreating from key ESG initiatives, paving the way for renewed state investment and marking a strategic win for CEO Larry Fink amid shifting political and financial priorities. ExxonMobil Guyana may face higher insurance costs after a Venezuelan naval incursion into the Stabroek Block, amid rising offshore activity and ongoing cost recovery efforts. Iran's oil flows to China dropped about 20% year-on-year in May due to tighter U.S. sanctions, extended refinery maintenance, and weaker demand from teapot refiners with ample stockpiles and access to cheaper alternatives (Novy Port and Sokol from Russia). BP has deepened its 30-year partnership with Azerbaijan through new oil, gas, and renewables deals, including a \$2.9 billion Shah Deniz gas expansion and new offshore block agreements with SOCAR, while advancing decarbonization efforts with a solar-powered electrification project at the Sangachal terminal. Finally, the front (Aug/Sep) and 6-month (Aug/Feb) Brent futures spreads are at \$0.65/bbl and \$1.49/bbl respectively.

CRUDE

This morning in dated, we saw Jul Aug selling from a British major with the cal July v 11-15 Aug trading to 0.76/bbl. The balmo DFL traded lower with continued 0.27 Jun v cal July selling to 0.97/bbl. We also saw some buying in the front with the 4-10 Jun v cal July roll trading to 0.97/bbl and the 0.97/b

This morning we initially opened lower in Brent/Dubai, with Jul B/D trading down from \$0.5/bbl to \$0.43, before a weak window saw B/D rally to highs of \$0.6/bbl. Post window, Tradehouse selling came back and we drifted back down to \$0.5/bbl. We saw tradehouse selling of Jul B/D, Q3 and Q4 which traded \$0.54/bbl to \$0.65/bbl and \$0.78/bbl to \$0.87/bbl. The Dubai spreads were range bound, with refiner selling of backend spreads. Jul/Aug traded between \$0.57/bbl to \$0.6/bbl. We saw selling of boxes, with Jul/Aug and Q3/Q4 trading -\$0.07/bbl and -\$0.24/bbl to -\$0.23/bbl.

FUEL OIL

This morning, front 380 crack saw buyside interests trading from -\$0.35/bbl to -\$0.1/bbl. As a result, this supported front structure. Heading into the window, front structure saw outright buying, as we saw Jul/Aug trading from \$10/mt to \$10.25/mt. The stronger front 380 crack also supported the front 380 EW, therefore it traded from \$15/mt to \$16/mt. In barges, front crack was better offer, trading from -\$2.55/bbl to -\$2.75/bbl. Barge structure in the front saw sellside interests, with Jul/Aug trading at \$7.50/mt.

Front Sing crack initially saw small buyside interests pre window, trading up to \$11/bbl, however, we then saw some selling in front Sing Hi-5 which therefore weakened the front crack down to \$10.90/bbl. Deferred Sing structure continued to see some buyside interests, whilst front spread was stable throughout the whole morning, with Jul/Aug trading at \$5.25/mt. In Euro, front crack saw bids, trading from \$5.90/bbl to \$6/bbl. Structure in the front also saw buyside interests, with Jul/Aug trading from \$7/mt to \$7.50/mt.

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DISTILLATES

This morning in distillates, Sing gasoil spreads were better bid on firmer ICE gasoil, Jul/Aug lifted on screen to \$0.19/bbl as the EW was better offered in Jul trading down to lows of -\$16.75/mt as the Q2'26 was sold down to -\$12.75/mt. Regrade was rangebound in the prompt, trading at -\$1.1/bbl as there was selling in the Q3 down to -\$1.02/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads continued to rally, the Jun/Dec to \$19.25/mt as the cracks similarly continue to grind higher, Jun to \$19.95/bbl. European jet diffs were rangebound in the prompt, the Jul trading at \$45.25 as the Q3 traded up to \$45.25/mt. Heating oil spreads were rangebound, as were the HOGOs, Jun trading at 11.4 c/gal.

GASOLINE

92 flat price traded end window at \$74.58/bbl with MOC more balanced. Front crcaks had real buying at \$9.6/bbl this morning but there was still scaleback 92/MOPJ selling in the front around \$12.75/bbl and front spreads were more balanced with Jul/Sep trading at \$2.43/bbl with E/W balanced at -\$5.5/bbl. In Europe, cracks in the front had sellside interest at \$15/bbl this morning with better buying in the back with Q4 trading at \$7.5/bbl and Q3'26 cracks bid at \$10.35/bbl. RBBRs opened a touch softer this morning but there was a floor on front Europe cracks with arb bids holding it down; arbs firmed from 14.1c/gal to 14.3c/gal post window and RBBRs were rangebound in the window around \$20.3/bbl in Aug.

NAPHTHA

This morning in Naphtha, MOPJ MOC was a touch better offered this morning with flat price trading end window at \$555.5/mt. There was crack selling in the front this morning from -\$2.35/bbl to -\$2.6/bbl with tradehouses on the sellside of cracks; the front spread softened on the front being well offered with Jul/Aug trading at \$3.75/mt and East/West in the front get hit to \$21.75/mt where there was better buying. In NWE, cracks got hit to -\$5/bbl in the window and the front was also well offered with Jul/Aug and Aug/Sep coming off to trade at \$3.5/mt and \$2.5/mt respectively.

NGLS

This morning in NGL's, FEI was slightly better bid with structure in the front stronger whilst deferred was balanced. In the front, we saw July/Aug and Aug/Dec trade up to \$4/mt and -\$13.5/mt respectively whilst in the back we saw Nov/Dec trade firm at -\$1.5/mt. Physical window continued to show a similar theme of being well bid with bids being made for 1H July at July FEI plus \$10.5/mt and 2H July at July FEI plus \$9/t. Arbs weakened in the front owing to FEI strength with July and Aug trading down to -\$147/mt and -\$142/mt respectively; EW was better bid in the front owing to the same rationale with July and Aug trading higher at \$68.5/mt and \$63/mt respectively. FEI/CP was a touch softer during the window owing to crude with July and Aug trading down to -\$51/mt and -\$33/mt respectively before July traded at -\$50/mt post window.

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GLOBAL MACRO

- Today Trump's steel and aluminium tariff bump comes into effect, increasing the rate from 25% to 50%. But the UK was excluded, remaining at 25%.
- Trade tensions with China continue to escalate, President Xi is "VERY TOUGH, AND EXTREMELY HARD TO MAKE A DEAL WITH!" Trump.
- SP500 Emini unchanged on the day, DXY marginally higher today, but essentially unchanged this morning at 99.212.
- German cabinet set to approve first tax relief package today, the aim is to boost favourable depreciation options for companies, including a so called "super depreciation" of 30% per year for 3 years.
- The Dax gapped up 0.6% at the time of writing (08:30 BST) and looks headed for another ATH. So far the DAX is up 31.6% over the last 52 weeks.
- Job openings in the US rose by 191k to 7.391 million in April, far exceeding market expectations of 7.1 million.
 - Retail trade saw 45k more job opening.
 - Professional services saw a whopping 171k increase.
 - These increases were partly offset by decreases in sectors such as accommodation and food services (-135k).
 - Job quits were also down by 150k to a four month low of 3.194 million.
 - The quits rate, which measures voluntary leavers as a proportion of all employed fell to 2% from 2.1%.
- Residential sales in the Vancouver amounted to 2228 in May, an 18.5% y/y drop, and 30.5% below the 10 year seasonal average.
- The Teranet-National Bank House Price Index fell 1.5% in April, and is down 2.4% since April.
- More China stimulus the Zhejiang province has issued 1.6 billion yuan of special bonds for purchasing existing commercial housing.
- May inflation was soft in Europe (1.9% y/y, exp 2%, prev 2.2%). It's now below the ECB target of 2%.
- Softness was driven by a drop in services inflation (down to 3.2%) and energy price deflation (down by 3.6%). The core measure fell to 2.3% from 2.7% the month prior and the lowest since October 2021.
- Data today: ISM Services PMI, ADP, MBA Mortgage apps

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