FLUX INSIGHTS

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Market Highlighs from the Singapore Window

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FLAT PRICE

Despite hitting a high of $69.25/bbl this morning, the Nov'25 Brent futures contract has weakened since, falling below the previous day's support level of $68/bbl, where it briefly regained support, before eventually sitting at $67.90/bbl at 11:43 BST (time of writing). This bearish shift emerged amid reports that eight members of OPEC+ will consider increasing oil production for October 2025 at a meeting on Sunday. Although various OPEC+ members already overproduce above their required production tables, the optics of a rumoured hike this week remain bearish as they signal the unwinding of OPEC+'s second layer of output cuts, of about 1.65mb/d, well ahead of schedule. In other news, Shell has reported that it will not resume construction on a biofuels facility at its Shell Energy and Chemicals Park in Rotterdam amid rising risk that it would not be competitive. Moreover, Shell's 404kb/d Pernis refinery in the Netherlands will undergo a "major maintenance shutdown" in mid-September. In broader macro news, the S&P Global PMI for Britain's services sector increased to 54.2 in August (prev: 51.8), its highest level since April 2024, amid a rise in new business. However, employment levels in the sector continued to decline, and input prices rose sharply. Moreover, the manufacturing PMI index weakened for the first time in five months, to 47.0 from a six-month high of 48.0 in July. Finally, at the time of writing, the front (Nov/Dec'25) and six-month (Nov/May'26) Brent futures spreads stand at $0.44/bbl and $1.12/bbl, respectively.

CRUDE

Better offered this morning in Dated Brent with spreads trading lower, and the Oct/Nov DFL roll hit down to $0.13/bbl. We saw continued Q4 buying with Nov DFL selling from a major, and the Nov/Dec Dated roll was offered down to $0.30/bbl. In structures, we saw the 15-19 Sep 1w roll hit down to $0.01/bbl before a Geneva-based trade house bid the 15-19 Sep vs Cal Oct roll at $0.56/bbl. The 29-3 Sep 1w roll was hit down to $0.20/bbl with 29-3 Sep 3w selling.

This morning in Brent/Dubai, we rallied aggressively, with Sep Brent/Dubai trading up from -$1.13/bbl to as high as -$0.55/bbl after the OPEC announcement. This was led by the continued weakening of Dubai structure, with the Oct/Nov spread trading down from $1.03/bbl to as low as $0.74/bbl. Over 96% of the volume in Dubai spreads was on screen, so it is difficult to say whether this was mostly profit taking or if new shorts have been added. OTC in Brent/Dubai, there was aggressive buying as we traded higher, but there was still a decent amount of paper selling in Oct, Nov and Q1'26 by a major and small trade houses, but the interest was on both sides, despite the strong rally on screen. The boxes all rallied, and the only one that continued to be offered was the Apr/Jun, which traded from $0.05/bbl to $0.04/bbl.

FUEL OIL

Front 380 crack saw sell side interests at open trading down to -$5.95/bbl pre window. Front 380 E/W also saw outright selling, which further pressured the front E/W down to $10/mt. Front structure was therefore a touch weaker early on, with oct/nov trading at $1.75/mt. Post window, interests in front 380 E/W turned bid, strengthening to $11.75/mt. Front 380 structure also saw better bids, supported at $2.25/mt in both Oct/Nov and Nov/Dec. In 3.5% barges, front crack traded rangebound between -$7.60/bbl and -$7.30/bbl. Front barge structure was better offered, with Oct/Nov trading from $3.50/mt to $3/mt.

Front Sing 0.5% crack saw aggressive sellside interests at open, trading down to the lows of $7.95/bbl, front structure also got sold, with Oct/Nov offered at $1/mt and Nov/Dec at $1.25/mt. Front Sing 0.5% crack recovered a touch at the end of the window, trading up to $8.15/bbl, which supported front spreads. However, the strength did not last long before we saw selling in front crack and structure back down to $8/bbl and $0.75/mt respectively. In 0.5% barges, the front crack was also weaker, followed by the front Sing crack, which was implied at $3.50/bbl. Front structure saw mixed interests with Oct/Dec trading at $6/mt.

DISTILLATES

This morning in distillates, Sing gasoil spreads rallied at the front of the curve, Oct/Nov trading to highs of $1.38/bbl as the Nov/Dec E/W box was lifted on screen to -$0.50/mt. The Oct E/W rallied before the window from -$35.50/mt to -$34.50/mt on well bid MOC, softening post-window to -$35.25/mt and finally trading back to -$34.50/mt. Regrade remained rangebound in the prompt, Oct ticking up to -$1.75/bbl as the Q2'26 traded at -$0.91/bbl.

ICE gasoil spreads rallied for the morning, Sep/Dec trading to $34.50/mt as the Oct crack rallied to $26.40/bbl. Jet diffs continued to soften, Sep sold down to $26.00/mt as the Q2'26 was rangebound at $46.75/mt. Heating oil spreads similarly rallied, as the HOGOs were rangebound, Oct trading at 14.40c/gal.

GASOLINE

This morning in Gasoline, 92 flat price traded at $78.40 bbl at the end of the window with MOC better bid. The Eastern structure was weak with front spreads coming off throughout the morning, with Oct/Nov trading down from $1.73/bbl to 1.67/bbl, and Nov/Dec at $1.05/bbl post window. Cracks similarly came off with Oct trading down from $10.05/bbl to $9.90/bbl with Q4'25 trading at $8.70/bbl post window. The E/W came off, trading from -$3.35/bbl to -$3.55 in Oct and -$1.70/bbl in Q4. EBOB structure was initially bid with cracks strengthening throughout the morning, with Oct'25 trading up to $13.40/bbl, Q4'25 at $10.40/bbl and Q3'26 trading $11.30/bbl. Spreads in the front initially traded up with Oct/Nov EBOB rallying to $31.50/mt, before weakening to opening levels of $31/mt on lower crude. TA arbs came off in the morning trading at 2.80c/gal in Oct with RBBRs coming off slightly to $13.90/bbl post window.

NAPHTHA

This morning in naphtha, flat price traded at $597.25/mt at the end of the window with MOC better offered. MOPJ spreads were bid but remained balanced, with the front spread remaining at $4.75/mt. The naphtha E/W was offerside and came off slightly, from $25.5/mt to $25.25/mt in Oct. NWE cracks saw scaleback selling as they rallied from -$4.20/bbl to -$3.90/bbl on lower crude. Structure was slightly softer in Europe as Sep/Oct traded down from $4/mt to $3.75/mt, and the Q4/Q1'26 flat price spread was valued at $8.25/mt.

NGLS

This morning in NGLs, FEI front spreads better bid with Oct/Nov and Nov/Dec trading at -$5/mt and -$1/mt respectively, with buyside interest at the back of the curve too, seeing Q4'26/Q1'27 and Q4'26/ Q3'27 trade at $9/mt and $41/mt respectively. Dec FEI selling throughout the morning, with Oct FEI better offered at the end of the window. Buyside interest in Q1 26 Pronap with backend E/W better bid as a result - seeing Q1 Pronap trade at -$91/mt with Q4 26 E/W trading at $78.5/mt. Sing trade buying Q4 FEI/MOPJ at -$36.5/mt with Oct FEI/MOPJ trading at -$45/mt. Post window, crude crashes on OPEC news, seeing back-end FEI/MOPJ buying. Cal 27 FEI/MOPJ got bought at-$54/mt with Majors buying Oct FEI/MOPJ for -$42/mt. In deferred FEI spreads, Q426/Q3 27 trades again at $41/mt post crude crash with Dec25/Dec26 at $36.5/mt.

GLOBAL MACRO

- Gold, another new all-time high $3,546 but the concern is the long-end bond market rout is intensifying.
- Today Japan's 30-year bond yield jumped 5.5bp to a record high at 3.285%.
- There are clear signs of a bond crisis emerging here with France's 30-year yield hitting 4.5%, its highest since 2009, German 30-year yields reaching 3.4%, the highest since 2011, and U.K. yields to 5.69% - the highest since 1998. Watch for a spike in volatility (MOVE Index for bonds)
- With the US 30-year approaching 5.00%, equities fell yesterday, with the Nasdaq 100 bouncing off clear support. However, a break below $22,960 will trigger stops, CTAs at 100 percentile max long selling, and volatility will spike sharply.
- Equity market favourite Nvidia also gapped lower, bouncing off key support $168.7. Again, a close below here will see aggressive selling.
- US factory activity shrank in August for a sixth straight month, driven by a pullback in production, with only two industries reporting growth in employment in August. There were some positives, though. Orders expanded for the first time since the start of the year, with the ISM gauge of new bookings jumping 4.3 points, the most significant increase since the beginning of 2024, to 51.4. A measure of prices paid for raw materials declined to 63.7, still elevated, but the lowest since February.
    - Employment 43.8, Exp. 45.0
    - New Orders 51.4, Exp. 48.0
    - Prices Paid 63.7, Exp. 65.0
- TRUMP: WE'LL GO TO SUPREME COURT TOMORROW ON TARIFFS APPEAL *TRUMP: NEED AN EARLY DECISION FROM SUPREME COURT ON TARIFFS* TRUMP: WE'LL ASK FOR EXPEDITED RULING ON TARIFFS
- TRUMP: WE NEED A VERY SERIOUS RATE CUT
- XI WARNS WORLD AT CROSSROADS OF 'PEACE OR WAR' AS TRUMP ACCUSES BEIJING OF CONSPIRING AGAINST U.S.
- Construction spending has fallen in 10 out of the past 11 months
- Today's data - July JOLTS Jobs data, EZ & UK services PMI, Australian GDP

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