

### Flat Price

The Brent futures flat price for the prompt contract has seen a quieter afternoon after the sell-off witnessed this morning. Prices initially strengthened to \$82.93/bbl handles at 13:45 GMT, before falling to lows of \$81.78/bbl at 16:20 GMT. Price action has recovered slightly to print at \$82.15/bbl at 17:30 GMT, moving towards oil seeing its least volatile week since 2021. A second attack this week in the Gulf of Aden has taken place, with the vessel reported to be Singapore-flagged. Brazil's state-run oil company Petrobras has seen its share stock collapse by more than 12% after the company skimped on its dividend payouts. The market and investors were expecting a dividend payout of between \$3bn and \$4bn for the quarter, on top of the usual \$2.9bn. However, the Brazilian government said it would only be the routine dividend of \$2.9bn. Saudi Aramco and ADNOC have started working on lithium extraction projects in their Middle Eastern oilfields. This is on the back of both companies wanting to diversify their revenue streams. US ExxonMobil has, for example, also taken the initiative to extract lithium, in order to benefit from future EV demand. The front and 6-month Brent futures spreads are at \$0.58/bbl and \$3.63/bbl, respectively.

### Crude

Another rough window for Dated after a slow and gappy afternoon with the prompt slammed once more. Balmo DFL got hit down to \$0.60/bbl to close the week - down \$1.35/bbl from Monday. In the window, the physical was offered across both Brent and Midland by a major and refiner respectively, pressuring the diff lower, whilst the 11-15/3 1w roll saw trade selling down at \$0.25/bbl, and the 25-28/3 1w roll traded \$0.18/bbl. Apr DFL was better supported with some Apr roll buying interest remaining, although still sold off down to \$0.40/bbl, rebounding a touch post-window to now trade \$0.45/bbl, still better offered. CFD's were offered, with 25-29/3 CFD now offered at \$0.14/bbl, whilst 8-12/4 CFD trades \$0.40/bbl.

### Fuel Oil

In HSFO, mixed interests on 380 FP this afternoon, Chinese were buyers of Apr, May and Sep 380 FP. Then we saw Apr and May 380 FP selling interests by majors in good size. Apr 380 E/W traded at \$5.00/mt. 380 spreads were a touch softer in the afternoon, with Apr/May trading at \$0.25/mt and May/Jun trading at \$2.50/mt. Barge cracks traded up gradually, with Apr trading from -\$12.00/bbl up to -\$11.65/bbl. Then collapsed in the window due to outright selling interests, gapping down to -\$12.20/bbl. Barge spreads were better offered down the curve, with Apr/May trading down to -\$3.00/mt and Aug/Sep selling down to \$7.25/mt.

Another quiet afternoon for VLSFO, Chinese were buyers of May Sing FP, with Apr Sing cracks trading up to \$13.55/bbl. Sing spreads traded at unchanged levels, with Apr/May trading at \$7.00/mt and May/Jun trading at \$8.50/mt. Euro cracks were better bid, with Apr buying at \$6.20/bbl. The front 0.5 E/W traded at \$46.50/mt. Deferred Euro spreads were a touch firmer, with Jun/Sep buying at \$21.75/mt. We saw Euro cracks went for better bid post window, trading from \$6.15/bbl up to \$6.35/bbl in Apr.

### Distillates

ICE gasoil spreads sold off and drifted downwards throughout the evening, before retracing upwards post-European window. The Apr/May spread saw lows of \$16.75/mt before recovering to \$17.75/mt post-window, while the May/Jun spread is at \$11.00/mt, both finishing the window lower than the morning's levels. Similarly, the ICE gasoil cracks also came off into the evening before recovering into the close. The Apr crack is at \$25.45/bbl and the Q4 crack is at \$23.65/bbl. The European jet diff also saw weakness into the window, with the Apr diff coming off to \$45.00/mt and the Apr/May diff roll also weakening to -\$15.00/mt, before ticking up to -\$14.50/mt.

Back end diff buying was seen, with Dec trading at \$60.75/mt and Q3'24 at \$62.00/mt. The HOGOs trended downwards on futures weakness into the afternoon, but similar to ICE gasoil are recovering into the close. The Apr swap is at 4.50c/gal and the Q4 swap is at 10.40c/gal.

Sing Gasoil spreads sold off into the evening on futures weakness, with the Apr/May spread coming off to \$0.71/bbl from highs of \$0.93/bbl in the morning. The May/Jun and Jun/Jul spreads were hit down to \$0.85/bbl and \$0.77/bbl respectively, bouncing back post-window with the recovery of the futures. The E/W at the front strengthened, trading up from -\$32.00/mt to -\$31.00/mt, with the back end also stronger as Q3 traded up to -\$23.00/mt and Q4 also traded stronger at -\$23.50/mt. Regrade rallied into the evening, with the prompt getting lifted on screen at -\$1.80/bbl with little back end regrade interest seen into the evening. The Apr/May kero spread traded was hit at \$0.60/bbl, and the May/Jun spread traded at \$0.47/bbl when ICE spreads were near the lows of the day.

### Gasoline

This afternoon in Gasoline we saw cracks trade at the end of the afternoon window around \$20.60/bbl in Apr EBOB. RBBRs ticked lower in the afternoon, to \$23.60/bbl handles, before rallying to \$23.90/bbl in the Euro window. Arbs were again well bid in Apr, despite Q2 arb buying dying out, around 9.30c/gal levels from funds and trade, and well offered in Q4 at 3.85c/gal. EBOB spreads were well bid this afternoon, with phys players on the buy side. Apr/Sep was bid at \$72/mt, Sep/Oct at \$51.50/mt and Apr/May was well bid up to \$8.50/mt. Gasnaphs saw bids in Q2 at \$188/mt this afternoon, from ref, and Q3 EBOB cracks saw bids at \$16.50/bbl. It was a thin afternoon in 92, with little activity.

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**Naphtha**

A bid afternoon in Naphtha where we saw Apr NWE cracks settle at  $-\$6.50/\text{bbl}$  end window, trading 80c higher than the open with spreads strongly bid by physical players. End window we saw trade on sell-side of cracks in May and Jun at  $-\$7.45/\text{bbl}$  and  $-\$8/\text{bbl}$  respectively. Front spreads traded a dollar higher with Apr/May getting lifted at  $\$13.75/\text{mt}$  and May/Jun trading at  $\$10.25/\text{mt}$  end window with crack roll equivalents well bid by refiner. Q2/Q3 crack roll continuing its uptrend, trading at  $\$0.90/\text{bbl}$ . Deferred cracks were well bid with Q3 trading at  $-\$8.30/\text{bbl}$  and Q4 trading up to  $-\$8.20/\text{bbl}$ . Front E/W remained supported in the  $\$18/\text{bbl}$  handles with MOPJ spreads seeing strong buying throughout the afternoon in size – Apr/May MOPJ more than a dollar higher at  $\$14/\text{mt}$  and May/Jun at  $\$11.50/\text{mt}$  with major on the buy side.

**NGLs**

Another afternoon, another softening of the US propane complex on NGLs. LST spreads fell again April/May traded consistently down over the afternoon to finish at 1.375c/gal. 0.875c/gal proved a sticky level for the May/Jun spread with bid interest there throughout the afternoon but this eventually softened to 0.75c/gal. Further out deferred spreads also weakened with trade houses and funds on the offer side; Q3/Q4 LST came off to  $-1.375/\text{gal}$ . Butane maintained a stronger structure than propane, although the prompt April/May spread softened to 2.125c/gal, the C4/C3 diff was implied stronger and Jun/Dec spread traded at  $-1.50/\text{gal}$ . Internationally, BLPG freight was better bid, trading up at  $\$70/\text{mt}$  in the H2 2024, this combined with LST structure weakening helped arbs trade down with April LST/FEI ending the afternoon at  $\$181/\text{mt}$  and  $\$104/\text{mt}$  trading in May LST/NWE.

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