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Market Summary

Flat price rockets

The two boys went back to the shed at long last, and Exxon and Glencore came out offering but meekly. Refineries showed up, bidding the paper aggressively, and the September Brent flat price jumped, closing the window at \$86.14/bbl, up \$1.25/bbl against the same time on Friday. Today's gains add to the strong rally crude has been enjoying since aftermath of the OPEC meeting on June 2. What a runup! (See Figure 1)

Time to pick up a baguette or something restorative, put on the espadrilles, and head for the reclining chair in St Tropez, perhaps Mr. Macron thought, after getting trashed in the elections, with only one out of every five voters giving him the thumbs up. He lost massively and like in the US 'Battle of the grandpas', the incumbents are finding their own limitations. Le Monde newspaper was almost acidic in its headline; 'Macron's brutal dissolution of the Assemblée resulted in the dissolution of his majority' and of himself, they forgot to add. Get ready for volatility in Europe and lack of funds where even the German leader is asking for money to take care of refugees.

All these minor regime changes and economic whatnots have no bearing on the price of oil, where the flat price hit \$86.00/bbl, just up another dollar. And the French stock index (CAC), almost aptly named, went up 3 pct. But that relief was short-lived, with the index giving back nearly half of those gains whilst uncertainty looms.

With the Eurozone's macro outlook still bleak and the future composition of the French parliament up in the air, things are heating up – literally. Mediterranean refineries are bracing for a scorcher, with temperatures set to soar above 40 degrees in some regions. Such heat can hamper refining processes, making it tougher to burn coke from FCC catalysts and impacting gasoline production.

Adding to the mix, surge pricing for floating freight is sending shipping costs through the roof. Houthi attacks in the Red Sea are forcing trade rerouting, clogging up ports, and the Shanghai Containerized Freight Index is ballooning as a result.

Summary				
Physical and Futures		01-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Brent Sep (fut)	(\$/bbl)	86.140	+1.250	+1.105
WTI Sep (fut)	(\$/bbl)	81.800	+1.300	+1.085
Dubai Sep (phys)	(\$/bbl)	86.090	+1.310	+1.205
Crude Swaps Aug				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	85.285	+1.260	+1.000
DFL	(\$/bbl)	0.860	+0.080	+0.160
WTI	(\$/bbl)	81.460	+1.300	+1.030
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	85.420	+1.160	+0.950
Tenor		Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24
Crude Futures				
Brent (fut)	(\$/bbl)	86.140	85.330	84.610
WTI (fut)	(\$/bbl)	81.800	80.880	80.080

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In detail

As at 16:30 BST, September WTI and Brent futures closed at \$81.80 and \$86.14/bbl, respectively. Against the same time on Friday, the Brent front month futures contract rallied by \$1.25/bbl, the WTI contracts increased by slightly less, gaining \$1.30/bbl over the last 24 hours. The M1/M2 spreads for Brent futures collapse by 71 cts compared with Friday's close, to 81 cts/bbl.

HCOB manufacturing PMIs across Germany, Italy, and France remained firmly in contractionary territory for June, at 43.5, 45.7, and 45.4 respectively, roughly in line with market consensus. While worsening macro prints weigh on sentiment, election news over the weekend was relatively well received. As fireworks fly through clouds of tear gas on the streets of Paris and Lyon, the far right is gaining momentum. But, the initial market reaction was optimistic. Although the results of the first round suggest a rise in appetite for the far right, the inability of the National Rally to live up to the polls came as good news to markets. Groups opposing Le Pen are uniting following discussions on Sunday, hoping to deprive her of a majority in the second round. However, the CAC 40 index has already reversed half of its gains. The election of a non-centrist government would likely result in significant fiscal expansion, adding to an already bloated deficit. Markets don't tend to have much patience for fiscal irresponsibility.

In the US, the forward-looking ISM manufacturing PMI also surprised to the downside. The index printed at 48.5 for June, 0.6 points lower than consensus and remaining firmly in contractionary territory. A weak manufacturing outlook for the third month in a row will continue to weigh on oil demand, as investment, employment, and logistics associated with the manufacturing sector wane. Traders have been factoring a more potent hurricane season with some loading up as hurricane Beryl sets its course for the Yucatan. It is the strongest hurricane on record to make landfall this early in the season and concerns are mounting over risks to US Gulf shipping and refineries.

The Shanghai Containerized Freight Index, comprised of 15 shipping routes, gives an indication of spot shipping costs for the Shanghai export container market. The index has increased dramatically in recent weeks and has doubled since April 2024. Elevated shipping costs close arb opportunities and enable market dominance of individual players, as seen last month in the North Sea. The balance month transatlantic gasoline arb has since seen considerable strengthening, from \$3.92 on May 17 to \$16.20 as at 16:30 BST today. Elevated shipping costs were commonly cited as a key driver of post-pandemic inflation. A return to such dynamics, if persistent, could therefore present risks to monetary easing as second-round effects mount.

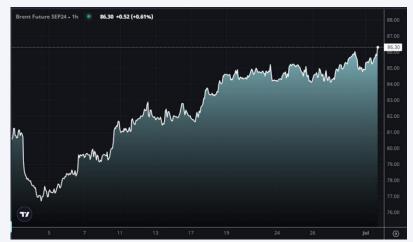


Figure 1: September Brent Futures (Onyx Flux)

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Front Month Outr	'ights			
August Swaps		01-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	85.285	+1.260	+1.000
WTI	(\$/bbl)	81.460	+1.300	+1.030
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	85.420	+1.160	+0.950
Distillates				
Gasoil 0.1 NWE	(\$/mt)	795.990	+12.115	+16.365
NWE Jet	(\$/mt)	849.450	+11.070	+10.830
Singapore 10ppm	(\$/bbl)	103.210	+1.510	+2.110
Sing Kero	(\$/bbl)	101.910	+1.500	+2.120
Gasoline				
RBOB	(c/gal)	252.400	+4.695	+5.455
EBOB	(\$/mt)	840.150	+12.070	+7.870
Singapore 92	(\$/bbl)	92.700	+1.760	+1.540
Singapore 95	(\$/bbl)	97.220	+1.780	+1.950
Naphtha				
US C5 ENT	(c/gal)	160.230	+3.700	+4.590
NWE Naphtha	(\$/mt)	689.750	+13.860	+19.110
MOPJ Naphtha	(\$/mt)	707.250	+14.690	+18.930
Fuel Oil				
3.5% barges	(\$/mt)	488.310	+7.490	+4.960
Singapore 380	(\$/mt)	499.810	+5.990	+3.710
Singapore 180	(\$/mt)	506.310	+5.740	+1.710
0.5% barges	(\$/mt)	565.470	+9.170	+11.000
Singapore 0.5%	(\$/mt)	608.650	+9.020	+12.920
NGLS				
US Propane LST	(c/gal)	85.780	+1.240	+5.170
NWE Propane	(\$/mt)	572.410	+13.860	+26.840
Saudi Propane CP	(\$/mt)	591.410	+3.360	+9.840
Asian Propane FEI	(\$/mt)	647.410	+11.860	+15.840
US Butane ENT	(c/gal)	101.030	+1.240	+3.290
Saudi Butane CP	(\$/mt)	576.410	+5.360	+13.340



Long Tenor Swaps Balmo Aug-24 Sep-24 Oct-24 Nov-24 Q4-24 Q1-25 Crude Brent (\$/bbl) 86.100 85.285 84.575 83.945 83.365 83.375 81.888 WTI 82.420 81.460 79.870 79.190 77.427 (\$/bbl) 80.635 79.198 Dubai (\$/bbl) 86.000 85.420 84.670 83.940 83.270 83.277 81.573 Distillates Gasoil 0.1 NWE (\$/mt) 796.775 795.990 796.030 792.385 785.915 781.565 778.280 NWE Jet (\$/mt) 848.650 849.450 850.530 848.800 842.380 838.060 837.780 102.760 102.240 101.700 101.400 Singapore 10ppm (\$/bbl) 103.010 103.210 103.110 Sing Kero (\$/bbl) **101.590 101.910** 101.930 101.810 101.530 101.190 100.960 Gasoline RBOB (c/gal) 256.195 252.400 232.960 226.650 222.340 220.455 220.615 EBOB (\$/mt) 839.650 840.150 827.400 783.150 762.400 748.150 745.400 93.500 92.700 91.800 90.800 89.750 89.100 Singapore 92 (\$/bbl) 88.750 Singapore 95 (\$/bbl) 98.220 97.220 96.270 95.020 93.770 93.020 92.570 Naphtha US C5 ENT (c/gal) 159.610 160.230 160.730 161.350 161.350 161.350 161.600 NWE Naphtha (\$/mt) 704.000 689.750 681.250 676.000 670.750 665.500 661.500 692.000 686.250 MOP-Japan Naphtha (\$/mt) 718.750 707.250 698.250 680.750 675.250 Fuel Oil 3.5% barges 493.310 488.310 480.310 471.060 465.060 461.310 459.310 (\$/mt) Singapore 380 (\$/mt) 506.810 499.810 487.810 476.810 471.310 467.810 465.060 Singapore 180 (\$/mt) 511.060 506.310 497.060 488.560 484.060 481.310 479.060 568.470 565.470 561.720 556.970 552.720 548.470 544.970 0.5% barges (\$/mt) Singapore 0.5% (\$/mt) 615.150 608.650 601.900 597.150 592.900 588.650 584.650 NGLs US Propane LST 84.900 85.780 86.160 87.040 87.290 87.170 86.790 (c/gal) 577.910 572.410 571.410 573.910 575.910 575.910 572.410 NWE Propane (\$/mt) (\$/mt) 591.410 591.410 596.910 606.410 613.910 618.910 618.910 Saudi Propane CP Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt) 650.910 647.410 649.910 655.410 658.910 656.410 649.410 (c/gal) 100.280 101.030 101.280 102.660 103.040 102.790 102.540 US Butane ENT Saudi Butane CP (\$/mt) 576.410 576.410 588.910 599.410 607.910 612.410 611.410



Front Month Sp	preads			
Aug/Sep		01-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude			-1 - 3-	
Brent	(\$/bbl)	0.710	+0.055	+0.090
WTI	(\$/bbl)	0.825	+0.085	+0.105
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	0.750	+0.050	+0.020
Distillates				
Gasoil 0.1 NWE	(\$/mt)	-0.040	+0.265	+0.345
NWE Jet	(\$/mt)	-1.080	+0.220	-1.190
Singapore 10ppm	(\$/bbl)	0.100	-0.010	+0.030
Sing Kero	(\$/bbl)	-0.020	-0.050	+0.010
Gasoline				
RBOB	(c/gal)	19.440	+0.515	+0.920
EBOB	(\$/mt)	12.750	-0.500	-0.750
Singapore 92	(\$/bbl)	0.900	+0.050	+0.300
Singapore 95	(\$/bbl)	0.950	+0.050	+0.300
Naphtha				
US C5 ENT	(c/gal)	-0.500	+0.000	+0.000
NWE Naphtha	(\$/mt)	8.500	+0.500	+1.750
MOP-Japan Naphtha	(\$/mt)	9.000	+1.000	+2.250
Fuel Oil				
3.5% barges	(\$/mt)	8.000	+0.000	+0.500
Singapore 380	(\$/mt)	12.000	+0.500	+1.250
Singapore 180	(\$/mt)	9.250	+0.250	+0.750
0.5% barges	(\$/mt)	3.750	+0.250	+0.500
Singapore 0.5%	(\$/mt)	6.750	+0.000	+1.250
NGLS				
US Propane LST	(c/gal)	-0.380	-0.130	+0.000
NWE Propane	(\$/mt)	1.000	+1.000	+3.000
Saudi Propane CP	(\$/mt)	-5.500	-2.500	-2.500
Asian Propane FEI	(\$/mt)	-2.500	+0.000	+0.000
US Butane ENT	(c/gal)	-0.250	-0.370	-0.370
Saudi Butane CP	(\$/mt)	-12.500	+0.500	-0.500





Front Month Cracks and Diffs			
August	01-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude			
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	-0.140	+0.060	+0.050
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	-3.840	+0.090	+0.020
Distillates			
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	21.570	-0.660	+1.200
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	22.520	-1.030	+0.380
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	53.500	-2.500	-5.500
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	-27.000	-0.420	-0.570
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-1.300	-0.040	+0.010
Gasoline			
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB)(c/gal)	12.250	+17.200	+3.170
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	15.570	+0.310	-0.040
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	7.410	+0.360	+0.550
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-8.150	+0.040	+0.600
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)	150.370	-5.650	-11.480
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	65.110	-5.590	-6.200
Naphtha			
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-14.180	-0.600	+0.890
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-7.800	+0.830	+1.150
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-5.830	+0.890	+1.150
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	17.500	+0.500	+0.000
Fuel Oil			
3.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	-8.400	+0.590	-0.190
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	-6.590	+0.790	-0.390
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bbl)	-5.570	+0.260	-0.700
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	6.500	-3.250	-2.000
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	11.500	+1.250	-1.250
0.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	3.750	+0.240	+0.750
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	10.550	+0.710	+1.050
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% barges) (\$/mt)	43.180	+3.030	+1.910
European Hi5 (0.5% barges vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	77.160	-2.230	+6.040
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	108.840	-0.440	+9.200
0.5% barges/gasoil (\$/mt)	-230.480	+5.330	-5.350
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)	-160.260	+8.540	-3.150
NGLS			
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-125.500	-8.530	+0.090
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt)	-200.500	-3.530	+11.090
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	75.000	-5.000	-11.000
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/mt)	56.000	+9.000	+6.000
European Pronap (NWE Propane vs NWE Naphtha) (\$/mt)	-117.340	-6.430	+7.760
Asian Pronap (FEI vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-59.840	-11.930	+46.760



Long Tenor Cracks / Diffs

	Balmo	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Q4-24	Q1-25
Crude			-			-	-
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	0.090	-0.140	-0.110	-0.010	0.080	0.083	0.307
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	-3.680	-3.840	-3.940	-4.080	-4.180	-4.180	-4.473
Distillates							
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	20.87	21.57	22.27	22.42	22.13	22.21	22.10
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	21.62	22.52	23.36	23.79	23.55	23.63	23.99
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	52.00	53.50	54.50	56.50	56.50	56.50	59.50
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	-29.28	-27.00	-27.79	-26.64	-24.14	-24.86	-21.71
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-1.42	-1.30	-1.18	-0.95	-0.71	-0.72	-0.41
Gasoline							
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB)(c/gal)	16.190	12.250	-3.550	2.800	4.430	4.620	14.390
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	14.690	15.570	14.750	10.060	8.150	8.403	7.793
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	7.390	7.410	7.230	6.860	6.400	6.523	6.757
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-7.290	-8.150	-7.520	-3.210	-1.760	-1.890	-1.040
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)	135.620	150.370	146.120	107.120	91.620	93.787	90.997
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	60.270	65.110	66.610	64.530	61.530	62.560	69.080
Naphtha							
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-15.400	-14.180	-13.150	-12.110	-11.430	-11.443	-9.987
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-7.020	-7.800	-8.040	-7.990	-8.010	-8.013	-8.190
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-5.360	-5.830	-6.120	-6.200	-6.270	-6.267	-6.693
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	14.750	17.500	17.000	16.000	15.500	15.583	13.330
Fuel Oil							
3.5% bgs crack (\$/bbl)	-8.430	-8.400	-8.940	-9.770	-10.140	-10.027	-9.740
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	-6.310	-6.590	-7.760	-8.860	-9.140	-9.050	-8.993
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bbl)	-5.640	-5.570	-6.300	-7.010	-7.130	-7.053	-6.723
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	4.250	6.500	9.250	11.750	12.750	12.667	14.417
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% bgs) (\$/mt)	13.500	11.500	7.500	5.750	6.250	6.167	4.750
0.5% bgs crack (\$/bbl)	3.400	3.750	3.880	3.760	3.680	3.663	3.460
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	10.750	10.550	10.210	10.090	10.010	9.993	9.617
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% bgs) (\$/mt)	46.680	43.180	40.180	40.180	40.180	40.180	39.097
European Hi5 (0.5% bgs vs 3.5% bgs) (\$/mt)	75.160	77.160	81.410	85.910	87.660	86.910	83.827
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	108.340	108.840	114.090	120.340	121.590	120.923	118.173
0.5% bgs/gasoil (\$/mt)				-235.410			
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)	-152.270	-160.260	-166.270	-168.490	-168.860	-168.813	-171.720
NGLS							
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-135.58	-125.5	-122.52	-120.43		-121.107	-115.88
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt)	-208.58	-200.5	-201.02	-201.93	-204.13	-202.773	-190.213
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	73	75	78.5	81.5	83		74.333
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/mt		56	53	49	45	43.833	28.667
European Pronap (\$/mt)	-126.09	-117.34	-109.84	-102.09	-94.84	-95.507	-97.297
Asian Pronap (FEI vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-127.34	-115.84	-101.34	-85.59	-72.34	-73.257	-64.96

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Inter-month Crook Spreade			
Inter-month Crack Spreads			
Aug/Sep	01-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude			
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	-0.030	+0.030	+0.080
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	0.100	+0.010	+0.010
Distillates			
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	-0.700	-0.100	-0.030
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	-0.840	-0.240	-0.230
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	-1.000	-1.000	-1.500
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	0.790	-0.360	-0.110
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-0.120	-0.010	-0.020
Gasoline			
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB)(c/gal)	15.800	+0.580	+1.140
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	0.820	-0.250	-0.160
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	0.180	+0.070	+0.220
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-0.630	+0.340	+0.390
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)	4.250	-1.500	-2.500
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-1.500	+1.000	+0.250
Naphtha			
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-1.030	-0.080	-0.090
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	0.240	-0.080	+0.100
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	0.290	-0.060	+0.150
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	0.500	+0.250	+0.500
Fuel Oil			
3.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	0.540	+0.080	-0.010
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	1.170	+0.040	+0.100
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bbl)	0.730	-0.040	+0.030
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	-2.750	-0.500	-0.500
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	4.000	-0.250	+0.750
0.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	-0.130	-0.080	-0.010
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	0.340	-0.080	+0.100
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% barges) (\$/mt)	3.000	+0.000	+0.750
European Hi5 (0.5% barges vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	-4.250	-1.000	+0.000
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	-5.250	-0.750	+0.000
0.5% barges/gasoil (\$/mt)	3.830	+0.470	+0.120
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)	6.010	+0.820	+0.960
NGLS			
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-2.980	-1.680	-3.000
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt)	0.520		+0.000
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-3.500		-3.000
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/mt)	3.000	+2.000	+2.500
European Pronap (NWE Propane vs NWE Naphtha) (\$/mt)	-7.500	+1.000	+1.250