

Flat Price

The July Brent futures flat price reached a peak of \$87.75/bbl at 13:45 BST before collapsing to a low of \$85.46 at 14:40 BST. Since then it has retraced higher and is currently hovering around \$86.20/bbl handles. The EIA published its oil demand and supply data for February this afternoon, reporting that US petroleum inventories, which include crude, SPR and refined products, fell by 9.1mmbbls m-o-m to 1,582.7mmbbls. Furthermore, the US recorded another month of solid oil demand growth, with Feb demand standing at 19.95mmbbls/d, up 190kbbbls/d (+1.0% y-o-y). Also reporting production data, Reuters revised down OPEC's production by 100kbbbls/d this month to 26.5mmbbls/d, with the fall led by Iran and Iraq. China also reported its product exports fell 69kbbbls/d to 1.08mmbbls/d in February, a 10-month low. In corporate news, Indian Oil reported a 52% fall in Q4 profit to \$579.80 million due to inventory losses and from selling fuel below market prices, whilst ExxonMobil is to shut down two offshore oil platforms in Guyana for two weeks each between July and August. The Jul/Aug and Jul/Jan'25 spreads were \$0.74/bbl and \$3.95/bbl respectively.

Crude

A weak expiry afternoon for Dated. We saw May rolls well offered, with aggressive trade selling of 13-17/5 1w down at \$0.13/bbl in the window, whilst a British major was a buyer of 10-14/6 2w lifting \$0.39/bbl

May/June Dtd saw strong selling down to \$0.82/bbl despite an aggressive screen buyer lifting \$0.92/bbl earlier in the afternoon, whilst May DFL was sold down \$0.88/bbl amidst this. We saw rolls out of 20-24/5 trade around \$0.20/bbl a week, with the 1w sold there and 28-31/5 3w roll trading \$0.61/bbl. Jun/Jul continued to come under pressure following on from the morning, seeing the Dtd roll sold at \$0.72/bbl and the DFL roll sold at \$0.01/bbl. In the NS window, only one cargo of the Midland was offered in the physical, leaving the diff unaffected whilst the cash roll was weaker, trading \$0.80/bbl last with the same European trade seller. CFD's saw trade houses lifting despite better offers by market makers, with 20-24/5 CFD sold at \$0.63/bbl then lifted at \$0.69/bbl.

Fuel Oil

In HSFO, it was a fairly quiet afternoon on 380 flat price and cracks with the Chinese out due to tomorrow's Bank holiday. We still saw some activity on 380 spreads with May/June 380 trading up to \$6.50/mt from \$6.25/mt. There was no activity on the May 380 crack, with the June 380 crack trading sporadically at -\$6.35/bbl. There was mixed interest in barge spreads this afternoon, with May/June barges trading at -\$2/mt throughout the afternoon, briefly trading down to -\$2.25/mt before recovering back to -\$2/mt at the end of the window.

Barge cracks were a touch stronger this afternoon, opening the afternoon at -\$9.50/bbl, before buying up to -\$9.30/bbl before the window, before giving some back and trading back down to -\$9.40/bbl in the window. The 380 E/W traded at \$20/mt throughout the afternoon.

In VLSFO, it was a rangebound afternoon for Sing spreads, with May/June Sing trading at \$5.25/mt throughout the afternoon. We saw some activity early on in the afternoon on the Sing crack, with May Sing crack opening at \$10.65/bbl. It then traded up to \$10.80/bbl in the European window. We saw a fair amount of low volume trades on screen on the May/June Sing crack roll at \$0.10/bbl. The Euro spreads were better offered to start the afternoon selling down to \$2.75/mt from \$3/mt before recovering in the window and buying up to \$3/mt. The Euro crack was stronger this afternoon, it opened at \$3.40/bbl, before buying up to \$3.70/bbl at the end of the window. The May 0.5 E/W traded at \$45.75/mt.

Distillates

ICE gasoil spreads were a touch lower this afternoon. The May/June spread traded between -\$2.75/mt and -\$2.25/mt. The Jun/Jul spread traded down to -\$2/mt. ICE gasoil cracks continued lower this afternoon with the May crack traded down to \$17.25/bbl from \$17.80/bbl, but it has recovered back up to \$17.55/bbl post the window.

The Jun crack was hit down to \$18.10/bbl early in the afternoon before trading back up to \$18.60/bbl. European Jet diffs were lower, with the May diff trading down to \$51.75/mt. The Jun diff traded down to \$53/mt from \$53.50/mt yesterday, while in the deferred, interest was seen in Q3 at \$55.25/mt. The front HOGO's were a touch stronger with the May swap at 5.40c/gal while the Q4 swap was unchanged at 8.50c/gal.

A mixed afternoon was seen in Sing gasoil. The May/June spread traded at -\$0.07/bbl in big size prior to the window. It was traded down to -\$0.14/bbl after the window. The Jun/Jul spread traded rangebound around -\$0.10/bbl. The prompt E/W was well bid initially in the afternoon, with it trading up to -\$26.25/mt but has since traded back down to -\$26.75/mt. The Jun E/W traded around -\$27.50/mt while down the curve interest was seen in Q3 at -\$28/mt and Q4 at -\$25.75/mt. A rangebound afternoon for regrades, with the May regrade around -\$1.70/bbl. The Jun regrade traded around -\$1.45/bbl while in the deferred, Q4 traded at -\$0.52/bbl. In kero, May/June traded slightly lower at -\$0.40/bbl.

Gasoline

This afternoon in gasoline, we saw cracks trade at the end of the afternoon window around \$23.20/bbl in May EBOB.

RBBRs were weaker this afternoon, trading down to \$25/bbl in the Euro window, and further to \$24.70/bbl handles post. Arbs saw more buying interest this afternoon in May from refiners between 7.80c/gal and 7.85c/gal. May/June/July fly was bid today at -\$5/mt. Jun/Jul saw offers end window at \$17.75/mt. Nov/Dec saw funds selling at \$15/mt. We saw refiners with strong selling of Q3 cracks this afternoon, at \$19.20/bbl. Gasnaphs continued to be offered this afternoon in Q3 at \$206.5/mt and in Jun at \$228/mt from refiners. We saw bid side interest in E/W, which rallying higher from the morning, with the front trading up to -\$10.45/bbl. Q3 was bid at -\$9.40/bbl and Q1 at -\$2.25/bbl all from phys players. In 92, we saw more buying of Jun/Sep 92, at \$5/bbl, and we continued to see Q3 crack buying from funds at \$9.90/bbl.

Naphtha

This afternoon in Naphtha, we saw May NWE cracks go better offered into the window as flat price saw some recovery, leading the front to see selling down to -\$9.25/bbl end window. Deferred cracks seeing buying with Apr'25 trading at -\$10.30/bbl and Q1'25 trading at -\$10.10/bbl as deferred spreads went better offered. May/June NWE remaining supported throughout the afternoon with mixed interest but seeing \$14.50/mt trading end window.

E/W seeing better buying up to \$13.25/mt in May into the afternoon with May/June MOPJ well bid trading up to \$13.50/mt, leaving the box at -\$0.75/mt.

NGLs

An offered afternoon for US domestic LPG products; flat price weakened over the afternoon on a crude percentage basis even as crude consistently fell. Structure was static for most of the afternoon, however, since the May/June LST stayed trading at 0.25c/gal for the afternoon while Q4/Q1'25 LST firmed to 1c/gal. Later in the afternoon, into the window, Cal'25 LST went better bid; it traded at 73.25c/gal with tradehouses buy-side which helped the Q3/Q4 LST get offered back down to -2.50c/gal. Butane performed similarly to propane; the Q4 C4/C3 diff firmed to 13c/gal and the May/June Butane spread was well bid up to 0.5c/gal. Arbs fell on domestic weakness with -\$197/mt trading at the end of the window in May LST/FEI and -\$154/mt trading in Jun LST/CP. There were no bids or offers in the phys throughout a quiet window which saw FEI spreads retrace back a touch to \$5/mt in May/June and E/W traded at \$92/mt in May with good buying at this level.