

Flat Price

The Jun Brent futures contract continued to see choppy price action into the afternoon, predominantly oscillating within the range of \$85.95/bbl and \$86.80/bbl. However, flat price broke from this range to print at \$87.20/bbl at 17:00 BST but found resistance here and eased to \$87.05/bbl at 17:15 BST (time of writing). China National Oil Petroleum Corp. agreed to make an advance payment for crude oil purchases from Niger's Agadem field in an oil-for-cash deal worth ~\$400 million, \$200 million of which will go towards settling arrears on Niger's domestic debt. In other news, Iraq has stated that resuming oil exports from Kurdistan to Turkey will take longer as negotiations continue between the regional governments and producers of oil. Oman's state-controlled PDO is expecting to hit its 700kbbbl/d crude target before 2030 amid new "sizeable" greenfield projects in the pipeline. India's Reliance Industries reported higher-than-expected Q4 profits, reportedly boosted by its oil-to-chemical segment. Finally, the front-month and six-month Brent spreads are currently at \$0.88/bbl and \$4.48/bbl, respectively.

Crude

Dated continued better bid into the afternoon, although quiet, with May DFL rallying to highs of \$1.10/bbl, coming off a touch to trade \$1.02/bbl last, whilst May/June trades higher at \$0.17/bbl as strength in May rolls continued.

28-31/5 v Cal Jun was lifted \$0.62/bbl, whilst 20-24/5 2w was bid up to \$0.49/bb. In the NS window, the physical began offered before a European trade lifted three offers – two Midland cargoes and one Forties cargo, raising the physical diff a touch. CFDs saw a few European trades on the bid and majors largely sell side, with 7-10/5 CFD rangebound between \$1.08/bbl and \$1.10/bbl, and 13-17/5's between \$0.95/bbl and \$0.98/bbl.

Fuel Oil

In HSFO, this afternoon we saw the Chinese buying 380 flat price down the curve, with a major selling May 380 flat price in decent size. The interest on the deferred 380 spreads continued from the morning with both Jun/Jul and Jul/Aug trading throughout the afternoon at \$5.25/mt and \$6.25/mt respectively. 3.5% barge crack started the afternoon a touch softer, selling down to -\$11.45/bbl from -\$11.30/bbl. It then traded around that level for the rest of the afternoon in decent size. The barge spreads ended the afternoon slightly stronger, buying up to -\$4/mt from -\$4.25/mt. The 380 E/W, remained rangebound at \$19.50/mt, although it did trade in decent size.

The Sing 0.5 crack came under sell side pressure this afternoon, it opened the afternoon trading at \$11.75/bbl before selling down to \$11.40/bbl.

It was a relatively quiet afternoon on the front Sing spread, with May/June Sing trading at \$4.75/mt. There was however more interest in deferred spreads, particularly Jun/Jul, which traded down to \$6.25/mt from \$6.50/mt. The afternoon started relatively quiet for Euro cracks, however activity picked up approaching the window. We saw sell side interest in the front crack, which resulted the May Euro crack trading down to \$4.75/bbl post window from \$4.95/bbl. Euro spreads were a touch softer in the front, with May/June Euro selling down to \$5/mt. 0.5 E/W was better offered this afternoon, implying a \$42.50/mt level.

Distillates

ICE gasoil spreads traded rangebound, with the May/June spread trading between -\$2.25/mt and -\$3/mt and The Jun/Jul spread traded around -\$1.50/mt. ICE gasoil cracks were a touch lower from this morning, with the May crack trading down to \$18.85/bbl from \$19.05/bbl. The Jun crack traded around \$19.90/bbl while in the deferred, interest was seen in Q3/Q4 crack roll at -\$0.90/bbl. European Jet diffs inched higher, with the May diff trading up to \$53.75/mt. The Jun diff traded up to \$56.75/mt while down the curve, Q1'25 traded at \$61.75/mt and Q2'25 at \$61.50/mt. The HOGOs were stronger this afternoon with the May swap higher at 6.10c/gal and the Q4 swap at 8c/gal.

Sing gasoil spreads traded a touch lower this afternoon. The May/Jun spread traded down to $-\$0.07/\text{bbl}$ from $-\$0.04/\text{bbl}$ and likewise the Jun/Jul spread was hit down to $-\$0.07/\text{bbl}$. The prompt E/W traded back up to this morning's high of $-\$24.75/\text{mt}$. The Jun E/W traded up to $-\$26/\text{mt}$ from $-\$26.50/\text{mt}$ while in the deferred, interest was seen in Q3 at $-\$27.25/\text{mt}$ and Q4 at $-\$25.25/\text{mt}$. Regrades remained rangebound after a weak morning. The prompt regrade traded around $-\$1.77/\text{bbl}$ and the Jun regrade around $-\$1.40/\text{bbl}$. Further down the curve, the Jul regrade saw interest at $-\$1.10/\text{bbl}$.

Gasoline

This afternoon in gasoline, we saw cracks trade at the end of the afternoon window around $\$23.85/\text{bbl}$ in May EBOB. RBBRs dipped in the afternoon, hovering at the $\$25/\text{bbl}$ mark in Jun for the afternoon. Early afternoon arbs were seeing bid side interest in Jun, at lows of $7.10\text{c}/\text{gal}$ with the RBBR move down, with trade houses on the buy side. End of the Euro window, we saw market makers and trade selling arbs in May instead at $7.40\text{c}/\text{gal}$. Jun/Q4 arb roll was bid at $\$3.80\text{c}/\text{gal}$. In EBOB, we saw May/Jun/Jul, Jul/Aug/Sep and Oct/Nov/Dec flys all bid. End of the Euro window we saw May/Jun see selling down to $\$14/\text{mt}$ from refiners, as well as Jun/Jul down to $\$18/\text{mt}$.

Oct/Nov saw refiners with sticky offers at $\$21.75/\text{mt}$. We saw crack buying end window in EBOB in May, as well as the Q3/Q4 crack roll going bid in the afternoon at $\$9.50/\text{bbl}$. Jun/Dec 92 was bid this afternoon, trading at $\$5.35/\text{bbl}$, with bids from phys players. We continued to see some fund crack buying in May cracks at $\$12.50/\text{bbl}$, and E/W offered down to $-\$10.30/\text{bbl}$ this afternoon.

Naphtha

This afternoon in Naphtha we saw structure continuing to be bid leading the front May NWE cracks to be well supported in window at $-\$10.55/\text{bbl}$ with trade and major on the sellside, after trading at highs of $-\$10.40/\text{bbl}$ in the afternoon. Backend cracks saw buying with Sep trading at $-\$10.60/\text{bbl}$ and Q4 at $-\$10.30/\text{bbl}$. Front spreads saw little activity with May/Jun trading at $\$8.50/\text{mt}$ in window and the pricing spreads seeing buying at $\$6/\text{mt}$. Deferred spreads strengthened with Oct/Jan buying at $\$12.75/\text{mt}$ and Aug/Dec at $\$18/\text{mt}$. Front E/W remaining supported in the $\$20/\text{mt}$ handles throughout the afternoon, last trading at $\$20.50/\text{mt}$ with Jun E/W seeing good selling by physical down to $\$19.50/\text{mt}$.

NGLs

A quiet afternoon on NGLs as the US domestic LPG complex continued to soften.

Bids were hit at the open in Conway and ENT Balmo contracts; arbs were bid initially with May LST/FEI trading up to $-\$188/\text{mt}$ but became offered at this level and weakened over the afternoon with May LST/FEI subsequently coming off to $-\$193/\text{mt}$. LST spreads stayed supported in the prompt but weakened out of Q3 with the Q3/Q4 LST spread softening a touch to $-2.125\text{c}/\text{gal}$. Pronaps were rangebound with $-\$169.50/\text{mt}$ trading consistently in May and $-\$150.50/\text{mt}$ trading in July; buy side interests from trade houses here kept internationals supported and international spreads were static with Aug/Sep FEI trading at $-\$5.50/\text{mt}$ throughout the afternoon. The physical window saw a mix of bids and offers; the E/W diff softened a touch further down the curve with Q3 E/W trading $\$84.50/\text{mt}$.