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Market Summary

Margins down, teapots cracking?

Physical premiums roofed to \$1.42 bbl for Dubai, with Oman at \$1.32 and Murban at \$1.46/bbl. 'This was all priced in the swaps markets, changes in structures and premiums in the swaps markets were only 1-3 cts,' said one of the practitioners (see Figure 1). Whilst nothing changed in the swaps structures, the changes in the physical markets are massive, as the premium for Dubai jumped by 90 cts from Friday to Monday, but for different loading months. One Asian refiner thought the strength was since 'Saudi exports came off by a fair bit last month'. While the Saudis are expected to release the monthly OSPs imminently, with Asian refiners hoping for as much as 90 cts, we think the Saudis' generosity will be tempered by the rise in premiums. Refiners were not too concerned about the high premiums noting that last month premiums were also elevated, but subsequently dropped off.

But if one uses the lens of flat price, the situation looks less robust as all benchmarks fell on a continuous contract basis, with Brent the weakest of the bunch. This continued to tighten the Brent/Dubai spread. But no relief for the Asian refiners as margins are worsening.

We have been commenting on the soft Asian outlook, despite OPEC foreseeing a massive 1.3mbbls/d growth for the region, with 720kbbls/d attributed to China. The PBOC announced an intervention in the Chinese bond markets, as yields continue to tumble. Doesn't sound healthy. Manufacturing continues to look bleak, as NBS Manufacturing PMI remains in contractionary territory in June. Sovereign yields often fall in times of uncertainty as investors seek a 'safe haven' for their wealth. Chinese oil imports are below last year, and margins are not robust. State owned refining margins are reportedly at all time lows, whilst teapot margins also tumble. India's growth prospects are wildly different from China. Manufacturing PMI's are near historical highs, but Asian currencies are struggling. Yen is the worst crossing 161 so, alert, the price of sushi is going up!

In France, investors relaxed somewhat, as far right candidate Le Pen was unable to obtain the extreme majority that many had feared. The Euro gained on the news to 1.0767 against the dollar as at 16:30 BST. But this is only the first round, so more volatility coming up for European markets.

Summary				
Physical and Futures		01-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Brent Sep (fut)	(\$/bbl)	85.640	-0.220	+1.120
WTI Sep (fut)	(\$/bbl)	81.290	-0.200	+1.140
Dubai Sep (phys)	(\$/bbl)	85.660	-0.110	+1.115
Crude Swaps Jul				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	84.795	-0.230	+1.065
DFL	(\$/bbl)	0.810	+0.060	+0.100
WTI	(\$/bbl)	80.960	-0.220	+1.110
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	84.970	-0.280	+1.060
Tenor		Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24
Crude Futures				
Brent (fut)	(\$/bbl)	85.640	84.840	84.130
WTI (fut)	(\$/bbl)	81.290	80.390	79.620



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In detail

As at 09:30 BST, crude markets saw relative weakening against the close of Asia on Friday. September Brent futures slid \$0.22 to \$85.64/bbl, whilst September WTI futures posted a \$0.20 fall over the same period, at \$81.29/bbl. Our Dubai assessment of physical cargos for September eased by 11 cts, to close the window at \$85.66/bbl. Physical premiums for September Dubai jumped by 90 ct to \$1.42 cts. Starting this addition, we have added an additional 2 tenors for Brent and WTI futures contracts in the summary table on page 1.

According to London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG), in the 6 months from January to June, Asia imported 27.16mbbls/d of crude, reflecting a 130kbbls/d decline against the same period in the year prior. The decrease was predominately driven by considerable weakness in Chinese figures, printing a 300kbbls/d fall against the year prior. The decline in imports was partially offset by India.

It was always going to be a challenge for Asian demand figures to confirm the predictions made by OPEC on June 2, but this data represents another nail in the coffin. The second half recovery that would be necessary to stimulate oil demand to the level OPEC have predicted, would be considerable. As more negative macro data prints in China, OPEC's forecast continues to entrench its position as nothing more than a pipe dream.

The fall in Chinese imports comes amidst refineries cutting runs. According to industry sources in China, refinery margins are well below their historical levels. State Owned Enterprises spot refining margins have dropped to historical lows, whilst Teapots' margins also fell m-o-m in June.

In India the situation has reversed according to data from LSEG. Imports for the first six months were up by 90kbbls/d against the same period the year prior. Although, despite showing signs of strength, the growth in oil demand still seems relatively timid given a Q1 GDP growth rate of 7.8% and strong momentum in Manufacturing PMI's, printing 58.3 for June, up from 57.5 the month prior (historical maximum is 59.1). Compared to OPEC's forecast, oil demand for India remains underperforming.

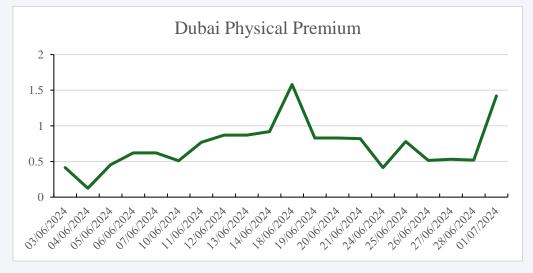


Figure 1: Dubai Physical premium, Onyx flux, Authors Calculations

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August Swaps		01-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	84.795	-0.230	+1.065
WTI	(\$/bbl)	80.960	-0.220	+1.110
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	84.970	-0.280	+1.060
Distillates				
Gasoil 0.1 NWE	(\$/mt)	788.785	-8.155	+11.660
NWE Jet	(\$/mt)	842.280	-10.160	+6.660
Singapore 10ppm	(\$/bbl)	102.290	-1.240	+1.590
Sing Kero	(\$/bbl)	100.990	-1.210	+1.650
Gasoline				
RBOB	(c/gal)	250.010	-1.200	+4.455
EBOB	(\$/mt)	835.330	-5.370	+6.970
Singapore 92	(\$/bbl)	92.180	+0.100	+1.790
Singapore 95	(\$/bbl)	96.880	+0.300	+2.360
Naphtha				
US C5 ENT	(c/gal)	159.000	+0.530	+3.740
NWE Naphtha	(\$/mt)	684.500	+0.540	+16.820
MOPJ Naphtha	(\$/mt)	702.340	+1.880	+16.910
Fuel Oil				
3.5% barges	(\$/mt)	485.270	-0.940	+5.090
Singapore 380	(\$/mt)	497.770	-1.940	+4.860
Singapore 180	(\$/mt)	504.520	-2.190	+2.930
0.5% barges	(\$/mt)	560.450	-0.040	+9.160
Singapore 0.5%	(\$/mt)	603.570	+0.320	+11.960
NGLS				
US Propane LST	(c/gal)	85.220	+0.380	+5.290
NWE Propane	(\$/mt)	563.500	+1.210	+20.470
Saudi Propane CP	(\$/mt)	584.500	-8.790	+7.470
Asian Propane FEI	(\$/mt)	640.500	+0.710	+12.970
US Butane ENT	(c/gal)	100.470	+0.370	+3.030
Saudi Butane CP	(\$/mt)	569.390	-8.900	+10.410





Long Tenor Swaps Balmo Aug-24 Sep-24 Oct-24 Nov-24 Q4-24 Q1-25 Crude Brent (\$/bbl) 85.595 84.795 84.100 83.470 82.900 82.910 81.472 WTT 77.028 (\$/bbl) 81.915 80.960 80.165 79.420 78.765 78.767 Dubai (\$/bbl) 85.570 84.970 84.240 83.520 82.850 82.860 81.193 Distillates Gasoil 0.1 NWE (\$/mt) 789.400 788.785 788.825 785.220 778.960 779.675 768.285 NWE Jet (\$/mt) 840.900 842.280 843.320 840.720 835.960 836.173 827.283 (\$/bbl) 102.050 102.290 102.230 101.910 101.420 101.413 100.310 Singapore 10ppm (\$/bbl) 100.680 100.990 100.960 100.860 100.590 100.567 99.817 Sing Kero Gasoline RBOB (c/gal) 253.425 250.010 230.930 224.820 220.710 221.493 226.457 EBOB 835.330 835.330 822.580 778.080 757.830 759.913 743.247 (\$/mt) Singapore 92 (\$/bbl) 92.880 92.180 91.230 90.230 89.230 89.347 88.080 96.680 96.880 95.730 94.680 93.430 93.563 Singapore 95 (\$/bbl) 91.913 Naphtha (c/gal) 158.620 159.000 159.500 160.120 159.870 159.870 158.870 US C5 ENT NWE Naphtha (\$/mt) 698.750 684.500 676.000 670.750 665.500 665.500 651.083 MOP-Japan Naphtha (\$/mt) 713.840 702.340 693.090 686.840 681.090 681.173 664.507 Fuel Oil 3.5% barges (\$/mt) 489.520 485.270 477.020 467.770 461.770 462.520 454.937 Singapore 380 (\$/mt) 505.020 497.770 486.020 475.020 469.270 470.020 460.997 Singapore 180 (\$/mt) 508.770 504.520 495.270 486.770 481.770 482.437 474.937 0.5% barges (\$/mt) 562.950 560.450 556.950 552.450 548.200 548.283 538.033 611.070 603.570 597.070 592.570 588.570 588.570 Singapore 0.5% (\$/mt) 577.070 NGLs US Propane LST (c/gal) 84.470 85.220 85.470 86.220 86.470 86.347 84.183 NWE Propane (\$/mt) 566.500 563.500 563.000 566.000 568.000 567.333 550.833 (\$/mt) 584.500 584.500 590.500 599.500 606.500 605.833 597.000 Saudi Propane CP 640.500 643.000 648.500 652.000 650.000 Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt) 644.000 626.167 99.970 100.470 100.350 101.470 101.850 101.640 US Butane ENT (c/gal) 98.683 Saudi Butane CP (\$/mt) 569.390 569.390 582.390 592.390 600.390 599.223 589.057





Front Month S	preads			
Aug/Sep		01-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	0.695	+0.030	+0.050
WTI	(\$/bbl)	0.795	+0.040	+0.070
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	0.730	+0.020	+0.010
Distillates				
Gasoil 0.1 NWE	(\$/mt)	-0.040	-0.355	+0.265
NWE Jet	(\$/mt)	-1.040	-1.360	-1.230
Singapore 10ppm	(\$/bbl)	0.060	-0.120	-0.010
Sing Kero	(\$/bbl)	0.030	-0.040	+0.030
Gasoline				
RBOB	(c/gal)	19.080	-0.345	+0.415
EBOB	(\$/mt)	12.750	-1.250	-1.750
Singapore 92	(\$/bbl)	0.950	+0.100	+0.350
Singapore 95	(\$/bbl)	1.150	+0.250	+0.500
Naphtha				
US C5 ENT	(c/gal)	-0.500	+0.000	+0.000
NWE Naphtha	(\$/mt)	8.500	-0.250	+1.500
MOP-Japan Naphtha	(\$/mt)	9.250	+0.500	+2.000
Fuel Oil				
3.5% barges	(\$/mt)	8.250	+0.750	+0.250
Singapore 380	(\$/mt)	11.750	+0.500	+1.000
Singapore 180	(\$/mt)	9.250	+0.500	+0.750
0.5% barges	(\$/mt)	3.500	-0.120	+0.500
Singapore 0.5%	(\$/mt)	6.500	+0.250	+1.000
NGLS				
US Propane LST	(c/gal)	-0.250	+0.000	+0.250
NWE Propane	(\$/mt)	0.500	+0.000	+2.500
Saudi Propane CP	(\$/mt)	-6.000	-3.000	-2.500
Asian Propane FEI	(\$/mt)	-2.500	-0.500	+0.500
US Butane ENT	(c/gal)	0.120	+0.000	+0.000
Saudi Butane CP	(\$/mt)	-13.000	-1.000	-2.000





Front Month Cracks and Diffs			
August	01-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude			
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	-0.170	+0.060	+0.010
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	-3.840	+0.000	+0.030
Distillates			
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	21.080	-0.870	+0.500
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	22.090	-1.070	-0.220
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	53.500	-2.000	-5.000
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	-26.750	-1.110	+0.160
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-1.300	+0.000	+0.060
Gasoline			
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB)(c/gal)	11.250	+0.340	+2.460
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	15.480	-0.420	-0.240
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	7.380	+0.320	+0.710
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-8.100	+0.740	+0.950
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)	150.840	-5.900	-10.050
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	65.690	-0.880	-2.000
Naphtha			
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-14.200	+0.420	+0.450
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-7.900	+0.270	+0.810
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-5.910	+0.410	+0.800
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	17.750	+1.250	+0.000
Fuel Oil			
3.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	-8.400	+0.050	-0.300
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	-6.430	-0.100	-0.310
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bbl)	-5.370	-0.150	-0.630
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	6.750	-0.250	-2.000
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	12.500	-1.000	-0.100
0.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	3.450	+0.200	+0.370
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	10.240	+0.240	+0.800
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% barges) (\$/mt)	43.110	+0.350	+2.730
European Hi5 (0.5% barges vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	75.240	+0.960	+4.260
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	105.860	+2.320	+7.100
0.5% barges/gasoil (\$/mt)	-228.560	+7.890	-2.770
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)	-158.710	+9.110	-0.040
NGLS			
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-119.500	+0.770	+7.100
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt)	-196.500	+1.270	+14.600
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	77.000	-0.500	-7.500
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/mt)	56.000	+9.500	+5.500
European Pronap (NWE Propane vs NWE Naphtha) (\$/mt)	-121.020	+0.650	+3.680
Asian Pronap (FEI vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-117.720	-10.550	-9.270

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Long Tenor Cracks / Diffs

	Balmo	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Q4-24	Q1-25
Crude							
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	0.030	-0.170	-0.140	-0.050	0.050	0.050	0.280
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	-3.680	-3.840	-3.940	-4.050	-4.140	-4.143	-4.447
Distillates							
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	20.36	21.08	21.78	21.93	21.66	21.75	21.65
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	21.11	22.09	22.92	23.22	23.19	23.20	23.51
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	51.50	53.50	54.50	55.50	57.00	56.50	59.00
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	-29.13	-26.75	-27.21	-26.01	-23.41	-24.16	-20.98
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-1.37	-1.30	-1.27	-1.05	-0.83	-0.85	-0.49
Gasoline							
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB)(c/gal)	14.660	11.250	-4.190	2.420	4.100	4.287	14.017
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	14.680	15.480	14.650	9.930	8.080	8.317	7.757
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	7.280	7.380	7.130	6.750	6.330	6.433	6.607
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-7.400	-8.100	-7.520	-3.180	-1.750	-1.883	-1.150
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)	136.590	150.840	146.590	107.340	92.340	94.423	92.173
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	60.020	65.690	67.020	64.940	62.360	63.250	69.363
Naphtha							
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-15.310	-14.200	-13.190	-12.180	-11.620	-11.633	-10.317
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-7.100	-7.900	-8.150	-8.110	-8.130	-8.140	-8.327
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-5.410	-5.910	-6.250	-6.330	-6.400	-6.400	-6.837
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	15.000	17.750	17.000	16.000	15.500	15.583	13.333
Fuel Oil							
3.5% bgs crack (\$/bbl)	-8.540	-8.400	-9.010	-9.840	-10.210	-10.107	-9.860
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	-6.090	-6.430	-7.570	-8.680	-9.020	-8.907	-8.890
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bbl)	-5.500	-5.370	-6.130	-6.840	-7.060	-6.963	-6.703
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	3.750	6.750	9.250	11.750	12.500	12.417	13.917
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% bgs) (\$/mt)	15.500	12.500	9.000	7.250	7.500	7.500	6.083
0.5% bgs crack (\$/bbl)	3.040	3.450	3.590	3.500	3.410	3.410	3.247
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	10.620	10.240	9.910	9.820	9.770	9.757	9.397
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% bgs) (\$/mt)	48.110	43.110	40.110	40.110	40.360	40.277	39.027
European Hi5 (0.5% bgs vs 3.5% bgs) (\$/mt	73.490	75.240	79.990	84.740	86.490	85.823	83.157
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	106.110	105.860	111.110	117.610	119.360	118.610	116.110
0.5% bgs/gasoil (\$/mt)	-226.760	-228.560	-232.140	-232.910	-230.740	-231.410	-230.427
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)	-149.420	-158.710	-164.760	-166.730	-166.930	-166.930	-170.383
NGLs							
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-126.41	-119.5	-117.7	-116.79	-117.49	-117.463	-112.233
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt	-203.91	-196.5	-197.7	-199.29	-201.49	-200.13	-187.567
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	77.5	77	80	82.5	84	82.667	75.333
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/	59.5	56	52.5	49	45.5	44.167	
European Pronap (\$/mt)	-132.27	-121.02	-113.02	-104.77	-97.52	-98.187	-100.27
Asian Pronap (FEI vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-129.22	-117.72	-102.47	-87.22	-74.47	-75.22	-67.387

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Inter-month Crack Spreads			
Aug/Sep	01-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude			
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	-0.030	+0.020	+0.050
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	0.100	+0.000	+0.010
Distillates			
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	-0.700	-0.080	-0.020
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	-0.830	-0.210	-0.210
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	-1.000	-1.000	-1.500
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	0.460	-0.540	-0.390
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-0.030	+0.080	+0.040
Gasoline			
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB)(c/gal)	15.440	+0.020	+0.920
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	0.830	-0.180	-0.250
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	0.250	+0.070	+0.310
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-0.580	+0.250	+0.560
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)	4.250	-1.000	-3.250
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-1.330	+0.340	+0.920
Naphtha			
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-1.010	-0.040	-0.050
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	0.250	-0.060	+0.100
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	0.340	+0.030	+0.170
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	0.750	+0.750	+0.500
Fuel Oil			
3.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	0.610	+0.100	-0.010
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	1.140	+0.040	+0.090
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bbl)	0.760	+0.050	+0.060
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	-2.500	+0.000	-0.250
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	3.500	-0.250	+0.750
0.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	-0.140	-0.040	+0.020
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	0.330	+0.010	+0.100
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% barges) (\$/mt)	3.000	+0.370	+0.500
European Hi5 (0.5% barges vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	-4.750	-0.870	+0.250
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	-5.250	-0.250	+0.000
0.5% barges/gasoil (\$/mt)	3.580	+0.280	+0.190
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)	6.050	+1.140	+0.990
NGLS			
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-1.800	+0.000	-1.190
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt)	1.200	+0.500	+0.810
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-3.000	-0.500	-2.000
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/mt)	3.500	+2.500	+3.000
European Pronap (NWE Propane vs NWE Naphtha) (\$/mt)	-8.000	+0.250	+1.000

