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Market Summary



Oil is getting slammed. It is almost the polar opposite of expiry to June; everything is getting crushed. WTI flat price, Asia, and now Brent is finally coming down. Sep/Oct spreads came off to 46c, far lower than the month's average of 89.6c.

But just as the whole oil market crumbles around us, the Scandies are trying to prop up the rubble. They bought a Midlands today for early September at Dated plus \$1.95. This is really expensive, given that much riper cargoes were going for the same premium yesterday, and markets have collapsed further. Equinor bought three cargoes this week to make a total of eight cargoes this month, five of which were Midlands, two Forties, and one Brent. Is anyone wondering why Equinor needs Midland cargoes? Please tell us, we are happy to publish facts. Equinor, do you have anything juicy to tell us?

Summary				
Physical and Futures		30-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Brent Sep (fut)	(\$/bbl)	78.490	-1.510	-2.340
WTI Sep (fut)	(\$/bbl)	74.700	-1.290	-1.980
Dubai Sep (phys)	(\$/bbl)	78.040	-0.735	-2.220
Crude Swaps Aug				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	78.020	-1.150	-1.890
DFL	(\$/bbl)	0.570	-0.210	-0.240
WTI	(\$/bbl)	74.400	-1.190	-1.910
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	77.200	-0.990	-1.820
Tenor		Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24
Crude Futures				
Brent (fut)	(\$/bbl)	78.490	78.030	77.540
WTI (fut)	(\$/bbl)	74.700	73.830	73.230



In detail

Crude crumpled, with Brent falling by \$1.51 against Friday to \$78.49/bbl, the lowest close since early June and ahead of expiry tomorrow. Sep WTI fell \$1.29 to \$74.70/bbl. The M1/M2 spreads for Brent finally collapsed, falling by 36c against the close on Friday at \$0.46/bbl, also the smallest backwardation since early June. We have been waiting for this correction for a while; as oil markets deteriorated, spreads became a source of optimism across trading floors. This no longer looks the case.

We had been puzzled first by the strength in Asia as Dubai was marking strong, aided no less by the Asian SuperDragon, Mr Petrochina, who was hoovering any partials they could see in the Asian window. Despite their sucking in 13 cargoes, Dubai 'finally' corrected. We were also wondering what was up with Chevron buying up Midlands, but 'finally', the intermonth WTI spreads narrowed.

And then the last man standing was Brent, almost as if saying, 'I defy gravity, I can take it, shoot me', and well, someone did. But one leg of the pricing is holding up: Dated Brent premiums. The 'Scandies', otherwise known as Equinor, have been buying up prices influencing Dated grades, such as Midland and North Sea. They have been notorious, particularly in the last three days, and bought today what could be considered an expensive cargo. Why? Equinor, please let us know in case we are misunderstanding something. Emails are at the bottom of the page.

As the poor global economics hit growth and thereby energy consumption and other commodities, it is just a matter of days actually before Dated Brent also gives up the ghost and corrects in line with the overall structure. 'Someone is pushing it,' said a trader without going into specifics.

And on the economic front, Germany remains in contraction, printing GDP growth of -0.1% both q-o-q and y-o-y for Q2, disappointing markets. The powerhouse of Europe is looking wobblier in each print. According to the release, a particular weakness was concentrated in investment in equipment and buildings, as the interest rate constrained the industrial sector and continued to wilt. No shock that European diesel markets continue to slide. A European product trader said, 'I don't think this market will recover soon.' And another pointed to Asia and said, 'Diesel consumption is down like 450 kb.'

Almost to add salt in the open wound, German inflation came in higher than expectations at 2.3% y-o-y for July in the preliminary estimate. The double whammy. This will make the next steps from the ECB challenging, to say the least. The interest rates that are the very cause for industrial demise may have to stay elevated to control inflationary pressures.

The broader Euro Area printed languid growth, only 0.3% q-o-q and 0.6% y-o-y. Euro Area industrial sentiment continued to decline in July, falling to -10.5 from -10.2.

And, albeit with a delay, the three-legged stool finally made a pirouette. Fundamental and Macro signals seem to be finally taking effect. Dubai, WTI, and Brent all took a long walk off a short pier, or more appropriately, off the plank.

Venezuela are also thought to have produced around 970kb/d in June, up from 760kb/d at the start of the year. But some expect the years of deferred maintenance, industry neglect from politicians and limited access to capital will likely cap future output growth. More on this tomorrow.

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August Swaps		30-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	78.020	-1.150	-1.890
WTI	(\$/bbl)	74.400	-1.190	-1.910
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	77.200	-0.990	-1.820
Distillates				
Gasoil 0.1 NWE	(\$/mt)	722.700	-11.660	-15.660
NWE Jet	(\$/mt)	771.700	-14.160	-18.660
Singapore 10ppm	(\$/bbl)	93.740	-1.410	-1.980
Sing Kero	(\$/bbl)	92.810	-1.420	-1.830
Gasoline				
RBOB	(c/gal)	234.080	-4.300	-4.200
EBOB	(\$/mt)	783.620	-11.890	-9.440
Singapore 92	(\$/bbl)	87.120	-1.380	-0.990
Singapore 95	(\$/bbl)	91.610	-1.390	-1.000
Naphtha				
US C5 ENT	(c/gal)	144.160	-2.820	-3.950
NWE Naphtha	(\$/mt)	635.730	-4.980	-17.000
MOPJ Naphtha	(\$/mt)	648.980	-6.050	-20.750
Fuel Oil				
3.5% barges	(\$/mt)	439.230	-6.160	-11.560
Singapore 380	(\$/mt)	463.980	-5.030	-7.160
Singapore 180	(\$/mt)	471.480	-5.600	-6.090
0.5% barges	(\$/mt)	523.110	-7.560	-10.800
Singapore 0.5%	(\$/mt)	567.560	-7.310	-7.940
NGLs				
US Propane LST	(c/gal)	76.405	-1.204	-0.303
NWE Propane	(\$/mt)	560.070	-3.270	+4.920
Saudi Propane CP	(\$/mt)	580.020	-3.320	+3.870
Asian Propane FEI	(\$/mt)	625.520	-6.820	+1.320
US Butane ENT	(c/gal)	95.900	-0.830	+0.680
Saudi Butane CP	(\$/mt)	575.020	+0.680	+7.280



Long Tenor S	swaps	S						
		Balmo	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Q4-24	Q1-25
Crude								
Brent	(\$/bbl)	78.270	78.020	77.540	77.130	76.790	76.807	76.00
WTI	(\$/bbl)	74.720	74.400	73.670	73.090	72.640	72.663	71.63
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	78.000	77.200	77.010	76.540	76.130	76.143	75.25
Distillates								
Gasoil 0.1 NWE	(\$/mt)	721.000	722.700	725.050	723.570	719.170	719.927	714.04
NWE Jet	(\$/mt)	774.500	771.700	774.050	773.570	771.670	772.427	771.54
Singapore 10ppm	(\$/bbl)	93.440	93.740	93.900	93.810	93.490	93.490	93.03
Sing Kero	(\$/bbl)	92.610	92.810	92.990	93.070	92.910	92.910	92.54
Gasoline								
RBOB	(c/gal)	238.140	234.080	216.480	210.200	206.200	206.980	212.30
EBOB	(\$/mt)	786.620	783.620	770.120	723.870	703.870	706.037	691.20
Singapore 92	(\$/bbl)	88.070	87.120	85.620	84.420	83.420	83.570	82.50
Singapore 95	(\$/bbl)	92.560	91.610	90.060	88.710	87.610	87.693	86.09
Naphtha								
US C5 ENT	(c/gal)	143.660	144.160	144.780	145.400	145.400	145.317	144.94
NWE Naphtha	(\$/mt)	643.730	635.730	629.230	625.980	621.980	621.980	610.81
MOP-Japan Naphtha	(\$/mt)	653.980	648.980	645.980	642.230	638.230	638.230	625.31
Fuel Oil								
3.5% barges	(\$/mt)	442.730	439.230	432.730	424.230	417.730	418.730	411.48
Singapore 380	(\$/mt)	469.230	463.980	452.230	439.230	429.980	431.480	419.98
Singapore 180	(\$/mt)	476.480	471.480	460.230	448.480	439.980	441.480	432.14
0.5% barges	(\$/mt)	527.110	523.110	515.860	509.610	504.360	504.527	493.19
Singapore 0.5%	(\$/mt)	574.060	567.560	559.560	552.810	547.060	547.310	534.22
NGLs								
US Propane LST	(c/gal)	75.525	76.405	77.025	78.025	78.645	78.398	76.94
NWE Propane	_			552.070		540.570	540.903	518.07
Saudi Propane CP	(\$/mt)	580.020	580.020	580.020	587.020	593.020	592.353	580.85
Asian Propane FEI	(\$/mt)	630.520	625.520	622.520	623.520	624.520	623.353	597.02
US Butane ENT	(c/gal)	95.400	95.900	96.280	96.660	97.040	96.830	93.91
Saudi Butane CP	(\$/mt)	575.020	575.020	575.020	585.520	592.020	591.187	579.52



Front Month S	preaus			
Aug/Sep		30-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	0.480	-0.180	-0.180
WTI	(\$/bbl)	0.730	-0.200	-0.090
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	0.190	-0.060	-0.230
Distillates				
Gasoil 0.1 NWE	(\$/mt)	-2.350	-0.780	-0.780
NWE Jet	(\$/mt)	-2.350	-1.280	-1.780
Singapore 10ppm	(\$/bbl)	-0.160	-0.040	-0.030
Sing Kero	(\$/bbl)	-0.180	-0.070	+0.060
Gasoline				
RBOB	(c/gal)	17.600	-1.060	-1.460
EBOB	(\$/mt)	13.500	+0.000	+0.500
Singapore 92	(\$/bbl)	1.500	-0.130	+0.100
Singapore 95	(\$/bbl)	1.550	-0.130	+0.100
Naphtha				
US C5 ENT	(c/gal)	-0.620	+0.000	+0.000
NWE Naphtha	(\$/mt)	6.500	+0.750	-2.500
MOP-Japan Naphtha	(\$/mt)	3.000	+0.000	-4.500
Fuel Oil				
3.5% barges	(\$/mt)	6.500	+0.150	+0.000
Singapore 380	(\$/mt)	11.750	-0.250	-1.750
Singapore 180	(\$/mt)	11.250	-0.250	-0.750
0.5% barges	(\$/mt)	7.250	-0.250	-0.500
Singapore 0.5%	(\$/mt)	8.000	+0.000	+1.000
NGLs				
US Propane LST	(c/gal)	-0.620	+0.130	+0.260
NWE Propane	(\$/mt)	8.000	+1.000	+4.000
Saudi Propane CP	(\$/mt)	0.000	+0.000	+1.000
Asian Propane FEI	(\$/mt)	3.000	+0.000	+2.000
US Butane ENT	(c/gal)	-0.380	+0.120	+0.000
Saudi Butane CP	(\$/mt)	0.000	+6.000	+6.500



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Front Month Cracks and Diffs			
August	30-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude			
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	0.840	-0.140	-0.050
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	-3.630	-0.060	-0.040
Distillates			
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	18.990	-0.410	-0.210
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	19.910	-0.650	-0.480
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	49.000	-2.500	-3.000
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	-24.500	+1.000	+0.750
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-0.930	+0.000	+0.150
Gasoline			
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB) (c/gal)	10.100	-0.900	-1.500
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	16.030	-0.290	+0.710
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	9.080	-0.250	+0.860
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-6.950	+0.050	+0.150
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)	147.820	-7.160	+7.450
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	76.650	-5.520	+12.420
Naphtha			
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-13.840	+0.020	+0.240
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-6.600	+0.600	-0.050
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-5.110	+0.460	-0.470
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	13.250	-1.250	-3.750
Fuel Oil			
3.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	-8.850	+0.200	+0.050
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	-4.950	+0.360	+0.750
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bbl)	-3.770	+0.280	+0.900
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	7.500	-0.500	+1.000
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	24.750	+1.000	+4.400
0.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	4.360	-0.040	+0.160
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	11.370	+0.030	+0.620
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% barges) (\$/mt)	44.510	+0.440	+2.920
European Hi5 (0.5% barges vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	83.890	-1.510	+0.710
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	103.640	-2.090	-0.780
0.5% barges/gasoil (\$/mt)	-199.710	+4.010	+4.680
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)	-130.710	+3.440	+6.840
NGLs			
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-162.000	-3.000	-6.500
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt)	-227.500	+0.500	-3.000
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	65.500	-3.500	-3.500
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/mt)	45.500	-3.500	-2.500
European Pronap (NWE Propane vs NWE Naphtha) (\$/mt)	-75.570	+1.890	+22.010
Asian Pronap (FEI vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-68.690		+24.800



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Long Tenor Cracks / Diffs							
<u> </u>	Balmo	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Q4-24	Q1-25
Crude			-				
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	0.290	0.840	0.530	0.610	0.680	0.680	0.76
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	-3.570	-3.630	-3.870	-4.040	-4.150	-4.137	-4.36
Distillates							
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	18.51	18.99	19.78	19.99	19.74	19.82	19.8
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	20.02	19.91	20.69			21.22	21.9
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	53.50	49.00	49.00				57.5
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	-25.02	-24.50	-25.64				
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-0.83	-0.93	-0.91				-0.5
Gasoline							
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB) (c/gal)	13.300	10.100	-3.640	3.300	5.020	5.177	14.73
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	16.150	16.030	14.910				
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	9.790	9.080	8.080				
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-6.360	-6.950	-6.830		-1.080		-0.47
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)		147.820	140.820		81.820		80.32
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	79.560	76.650	67.150		56.580	57.827	61.85
Naphtha							
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-14.360	-13.840	-12.850	-12.020	-11.570	-11.630	-10.75
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-5.950	-6.600	-6.830				-7.36
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-4.800	-5.110	-4.970				
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	10.250	13.250	16.750				
Fuel Oil							
3.5% bgs crack (\$/bb1)	-8.540	-8.850	-9.370	-10.320	-11.010	-10.867	-11.19
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	-4.370	-4.950	-6.300				-9.84
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bb1)	-3.230	-3.770	-5.040				-7.93
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	7.250	7.500	8.000				12.16
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% bgs) (\$/mt)	26.500	24.750	19.500				8.50
0.5% bgs crack (\$/bbl)	4.750	4.360	3.720				
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	12.150	11.370	10.590				
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% bgs) (\$/mt)		44.510	43.760				
European Hi5 (0.5% bgs vs 3.5% bgs) ($\$/mt$		83.890	83.140			85.807	81.72
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	104.890	103.640	107.390				114.30
0.5% bgs/gasoil (\$/mt)				-213.730			-220.80
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)				-146.270			
NGLs							
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-172.08	-162	-150.77	-137.06	-130.83	-132.447	-117.18
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt		-227.5	-221.27	-217.06		-214.947	
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	65	65.5	70.5		84	82.5	7
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/		45.5	42.5		31.5	31	16.16
European Pronap (\$/mt)	-78.07	-75.57	-77.07				-92.65
Asian Pronap (FEI vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-73.69	-68.69	-65.69		-44.94	-45.607	-44.1



Inter-month Crack Spreads			
Aug/Sep	30-Jul-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude			
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	0.310	-0.100	+0.060
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	0.240	-0.030	+0.080
Distillates			
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	-0.790	+0.080	+0.080
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	-0.780		-0.040
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	0.000		-1.000
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	1.140		+0.540
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-0.020		+0.090
Gasoline			
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB) (c/gal)	13.740	-1.050	-1.600
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	1.120	+0.170	+0.220
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	1.000	+0.030	+0.270
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-0.120	-0.130	+0.040
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)	7.000	-0.750	+3.000
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	9.500	-1.070	+5.330
Naphtha			
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-0.990	+0.200	+0.090
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	0.230	+0.240	-0.110
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-0.140	+0.200	-0.310
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-3.500	-0.750	-2.000
Fuel Oil			
3.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	0.520	+0.180	+0.160
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	1.350	+0.120	-0.110
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bbl)	1.270	+0.120	+0.040
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	-0.500	+0.000	+1.000
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	5.250	-0.400	-1.750
0.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	0.640	+0.130	+0.090
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	0.780	+0.200	+0.350
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% barges) (\$/mt)	0.750	+0.250	+1.500
European Hi5 (0.5% barges vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	0.750	-0.400	-0.500
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	-3.750	+0.250	+2.750
0.5% barges/gasoil (\$/mt)	9.600	+0.540	+0.280
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)	9.260	+0.370	+1.290
NGLs			
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-11.230	-0.320	-2.650
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt)	-6.230		-0.650
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-5.000		-2.000
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/mt)	3.000		+1.000
European Pronap (NWE Propane vs NWE Naphtha) (\$/mt)	1.500		+6.500