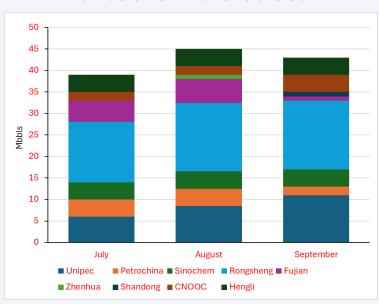
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Aramco's nominations are out!



Aramco's nominations for Asia total 43 million bbls for September, down slightly versus August which was a cracking month versus July. Shangdon 400kb/d refinery is getting ready to start operations in September and received an allocation of 1mbbls, after none in the two months prior. Other notable allocation was for 800kb/d mega tea pot, Rongsheng, a misnomer if there ever was one, who is to receive 16mbbls.

Some oil traders were expecting some boom boom in the Middle East as Iran continues to promise retaliation against Israel. We are glad the attack didn't happen but that didn't stop warmongers from secretly hoping for mayhem. We think the Iranians are too thoughtful and composed to engage in any action that leads to runaway military action. An Islamic guard was quoted saying Iran, "will harshly punish" Israel and the revenge, "will be implemented in the best possible way." Maybe that scared you, but it didn't scare us 😊 . Regardless the US is sending more equipment including a submarine after sending F22s last week.

And yes, the price went over \$80/bbl, those with itchy fingers need to do something. Read about Vitol and an idea on shipping overleaf.

Summary				
Physical and Futures		12-Aug-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Brent Oct (fut)	(\$/bbl)	80.150	+1.810	+4.170
WTI Oct (fut)	(\$/bbl)	76.150	+1.940	+4.320
Dubai Oct (phys)	(\$/bbl)	78.660	+1.515	+4.190
Crude Swaps Sep				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	79.330	+1.720	+3.850
DFL	(\$/bbl)	0.580	+0.120	+0.400
WTI	(\$/bbl)	75.890	+1.920	+4.240
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	78.570	+1.780	+4.130
Tenor		Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Crude Futures				
Brent (fut)	(\$/bbl)	80.150	79.360	78.785
WTI (fut)	(\$/bbl)	76.150	75.270	74.580



In detail

\$80/bbl oil is back with Brent clearing the \$80/bbl hurdle again. Oct Brent gained \$1.81/bbl against the close of Asia before the long weekend, far surpassing the Dubai gains which clocked \$1.515/bbl to \$78.66/bbl. But despite spirited efforts by Vitol and Gunvor, the Dubai's physical premium fell by over 23c, down to 75c/bbl. Physical Dubai relative to Oct Brent futures widened by almost 30c, as Brent extended further gains relative to Dubai. Asia is underperforming, which should not surprise anyone focused on the Asian macros.

Vitol was back again, unsurprisingly joined, of course, by their bidding buddy, Gunvor. Scooping up 10 cargoes in the window today netted Vitol a convergence with Trafigura for an Oct Oman. The bidding also paid off for Gunvor, who was declared an Upper Zakum from Mitsui. From our calculations, Gunvor got their convergence at an average premium of 82c/bbl over October swaps, whilst Vitol got theirs at an average premium of 86c/bbl. The convergence value is higher than where the market is pricing today.

Traders noted low levels of activity overall but a market contraction in the intermonth spreads and physical premiums. The overperformer is Brent and this is expected to attract more American crude, Midland in particular, more so as some American refiners cut down runs on a post summer maintenance mode. Meanwhile, the TD25 fright rate, cross Atlantic, is at a ten-month low. And here is your idea, if America is reducing running rates, combined with strong Brent, American crude will need to find a home whether it is in Europe or Asia. Both TD25 and 22, the marker for Asia, are low but in our opinion will rise as foreign demand compensates for lower internal American consumption. The one to keep an eye on, is TD25. Stay tuned for more shipping this afternoon!

Meanwhile, things are bad in China. Further negative indicators are coming from China, where apparently the economy disillusioned Chinese are not even drinking their sorrows. The Anheuser Busch brand was reporting a hit in sales, blaming something or other. But it is the economy, stupid. Several foreign brands are reporting at least low double digit drops in sales. Take the foreign car industry in China where foreign brands accounted for 38 pct passenger car sales from 64% in 2020. And car sales took a hit in July down 5.2%.

But the oil is bullish. Markets are closely watching for Iran's next move. When and in what capacity will their promised retaliation against Israel come. The US has advanced the scheduled arrival of the USS Abraham Lincoln into the Middle East and deployed a submarine equipped with guided missiles. On Sunday, Iran reiterated its ambitions to "make Israel's violations costly."

Whilst concerns around China's activity remain heightened, Saudi allocation to China for September stays elevated. It was 43mbbls for September, down from 46mbbls in August, but up from July's 39 mbbls. According to industry sources, Unipec got 11mbbls; PetroChina got 2mbbls; Sinochem, Hengli, and CNOOC all got 4mbbls; Rongsheng got 16mbbls; Shandong got 1mbbls.

In 2023, Aramco bought a 10% stake in Rongsheng. Alongside the investment, the deal also encompassed a 20-year supply arrangement, so consistently large allocations to Rongsheng are no surprise.

While allocations did decline on the month, they remain elevated compared to the 39mbbls in July. Unipec have been particularly aggressive, getting almost double their allocation from July. Fujihan however seem to have taken a break, only taking 1mbbls, down from 5.5mbbls in August.

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September Swaps		12-Aug-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	79.330	+1.720	+3.850
WTI	(\$/bbl)	75.890	+1.920	+4.240
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	78.570	+1.780	+4.130
Distillates				
Gasoil 0.1 NWE	(\$/mt)	726.360	+4.120	+18.720
NWE Jet	(\$/mt)	771.360	+2.120	+16.220
Singapore 10ppm	(\$/bbl)	93.940	+0.650	+2.580
Sing Kero	(\$/bbl)	93.090	+0.600	+2.630
Gasoline				
RBOB	(c/gal)	221.900	+4.880	+11.180
EBOB	(\$/mt)	788.830	+19.070	+42.510
Singapore 92	(\$/bbl)	86.600	+2.140	+4.110
Singapore 95	(\$/bbl)	90.690	+2.120	+3.700
Naphtha				
US C5 ENT	(c/gal)	150.590	+1.180	+4.810
NWE Naphtha	(\$/mt)	650.320	+7.830	+19.310
MOPJ Naphtha	(\$/mt)	668.570	+5.670	+17.150
Fuel Oil				
3.5% barges	(\$/mt)	440.820	+9.720	+23.050
Singapore 380	(\$/mt)	456.130	+6.970	+22.430
Singapore 180	(\$/mt)	463.570	+6.410	+23.240
0.5% barges	(\$/mt)	528.700	+12.760	+26.480
Singapore 0.5%	(\$/mt)	571.630	+11.750	+25.530
NGLs				
US Propane LST	(c/gal)	76.847	+0.768	+4.227
NWE Propane	(\$/mt)	567.370	+4.400	+12.520
Saudi Propane CP	(\$/mt)	592.870	+1.400	+6.520
Asian Propane FEI	(\$/mt)	633.870	+2.950	+12.570
US Butane ENT	(c/gal)	93.100	+0.130	+1.490
Saudi Butane CP	(\$/mt)	580.870	+1.550	+3.570



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Long Tenor S	Swaps	S						
		Balmo	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Q4-24	Q1-25
Crude								
Brent	(\$/bbl)	80.100	79.330	78.760	78.290	77.870	78.307	77.25
WTI	(\$/bbl)	76.790	75.890	75.060	74.420	73.890	74.457	73.07
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	78.750	78.570	77.910	77.380	76.950	77.413	76.37
Distillates								
Gasoil 0.1 NWE	(\$/mt)	724.500	726.360	725.760	722.670	720.570	723.000	717.76
NWE Jet	(\$/mt)	769.500	771.360	773.260	772.670	773.070	773.000	772.26
Singapore 10ppm	(\$/bbl)	93.720	93.940	94.010	93.870	93.710	93.863	93.57
Sing Kero	(\$/bbl)	92.790	93.090	93.240	93.280	93.300	93.273	93.11
Gasoline								
RBOB	(c/gal)	240.900	221.900	215.470	211.220	209.210	211.967	216.83
EBOB	(\$/mt)	797.830	788.830	743.830	721.580	707.080	724.163	707.49
Singapore 92	(\$/bbl)	86.950	86.600	85.880	85.160	84.710	85.250	84.22
Singapore 95	(\$/bbl)	91.040	90.690	89.920	89.300	88.850	89.357	88.05
Naphtha								
US C5 ENT	(c/gal)	149.590	150.590	151.210	151.210	150.960	151.127	150.74
NWE Naphtha	(\$/mt)	660.320	650.320	644.820	639.070	633.820	639.237	625.15
MOP-Japan Naphtha	(\$/mt)	674.570	668.570	662.320	656.570	651.320	656.737	640.23
Fuel Oil								
3.5% barges	(\$/mt)	448.070	440.820	431.820	425.170	421.170	426.053	418.08
Singapore 380	(\$/mt)	464.130	456.130	444.880	436.130	431.380	437.463	426.04
Singapore 180	(\$/mt)	469.320	463.570	454.070	446.320	442.320	447.570	438.40
0.5% barges	(\$/mt)	535.450	528.700	522.450	517.200	512.700	517.450	506.86
Singapore 0.5%	(\$/mt)	577.880	571.630	564.630	558.880	554.130	559.213	546.63
NGLs								
US Propane LST	(c/gal)	76.347	76.847	78.347	79.097	79.097	78.847	77.43
NWE Propane	_			558.870	554.870	550.870	554.870	530.87
Saudi Propane CP	(\$/mt)	592.870	592.870	595.870	599.870	603.870	599.870	588.03
Asian Propane FEI	(\$/mt)	638.370	633.870	633.370	633.870	631.370	632.870	608.03
US Butane ENT	(c/gal)	92.600	93.100	94.350	94.970	94.850	94.723	92.31
Saudi Butane CP	(\$/mt)	580.870	580.870	584.370	591.370	598.370	591.370	583.87



Sep/Oct		12-Aug-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude				
Brent	(\$/bbl)	0.570	+0.040	+0.170
WTI	(\$/bbl)	0.830	+0.070	+0.270
Dubai	(\$/bbl)	0.660	+0.030	+0.190
Distillates				
Gasoil 0.1 NWE	(\$/mt)	0.600	-1.070	-0.800
NWE Jet	(\$/mt)	-1.900	-1.070	-0.800
Singapore 10ppm	(\$/bbl)	-0.070	-0.030	+0.010
Sing Kero	(\$/bbl)	-0.150	-0.050	+0.070
Gasoline				
RBOB	(c/gal)	6.430	-0.270	+0.190
EBOB	(\$/mt)	45.000	+1.000	+2.500
Singapore 92	(\$/bbl)	0.720	+0.170	+0.070
Singapore 95	(\$/bbl)	0.770	+0.170	+0.070
Naphtha				
US C5 ENT	(c/gal)	-0.620	+0.000	+0.000
NWE Naphtha	(\$/mt)	5.500	-0.500	+0.500
MOP-Japan Naphtha	(\$/mt)	6.250	-0.750	+0.750
Fuel Oil				
3.5% barges	(\$/mt)	9.000	+0.500	+2.000
Singapore 380	(\$/mt)	11.250	-0.250	+1.750
Singapore 180	(\$/mt)	9.500	-0.500	+2.000
0.5% barges	(\$/mt)	6.250	+0.000	+0.500
Singapore 0.5%	(\$/mt)	7.000	+0.250	+0.750
NGLs				
US Propane LST	(c/gal)	-1.500	+0.000	+0.000
NWE Propane	(\$/mt)	8.500	+0.000	+0.000
Saudi Propane CP	(\$/mt)	-3.000	-2.500	-3.000
Asian Propane FEI	(\$/mt)	0.500	-0.500	+1.500
US Butane ENT	(c/gal)	-1.250	-0.370	-0.750
Saudi Butane CP	(\$/mt)	-3.500	+1.000	+1.500



Front Month Cracks and Diffs			
September	12-Aug-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude			
<pre>Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)</pre>	0.770	-0.050	-0.270
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	-3.450	+0.190	+0.390
Distillates			
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	18.150	-1.180	-1.370
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	18.540	-1.470	-1.820
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	45.000	-2.000	-2.500
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	-26.500	+0.750	+0.500
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-0.850	-0.050	+0.050
Gasoline			
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB) (c/gal)	-3.550	-0.550	-0.950
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	15.370	+0.540	+1.270
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	7.260	+0.370	+0.250
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-8.100	-0.150	-1.000
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)	138.510	+10.760	+23.110
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	52.710	+11.710	+16.990
Naphtha			
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-12.640	-1.400	-2.230
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-6.260	-0.810	-1.660
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-4.210	-1.060	-1.910
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	18.250	-2.250	-2.250
Fuel Oil			
3.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	-9.900	-0.150	-0.200
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	-7.500	-0.580	-0.320
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bbl)	-6.320	-0.660	-0.160
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	7.500	-0.500	+1.000
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	15.250	-2.750	-0.750
0.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	3.930	+0.330	+0.330
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	10.700	+0.180	+0.200
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% barges) (\$/mt)	42.990	-0.950	-0.820
European Hi5 (0.5% barges vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	87.820	+3.050	+3.360
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	115.560	+4.840	+3.290
0.5% barges/gasoil (\$/mt)	-197.530	+9.030	+8.050
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)	-128.160	+7.220	+6.580
NGLs			
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-167.000	-0.500	+9.500
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt)	-233.500	+1.000	+9.500
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	66.500	-1.500	+0.000
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/mt)	41.000	+1.500	+6.000
European Pronap (NWE Propane vs NWE Naphtha) (\$/mt)	-83.040	-3.510	-7.060
Asian Pronap (FEI vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-75.790	-4.260	-10.760



Long Tenor Cracks / Diffs							
	Balmo	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Q4-24	Q1-25
Crude	Durmo	DCP 21	000 21	101 21	200 21	2	<u> </u>
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	1.350	0.770	0.860	0.910	0.930	0.900	0.87
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	-3.320	-3.450	-3.710		-3.990	-3.857	-4.17
Distillates	3.320	3.150	3.720	3.0.0	3.330	3.037	
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	17.12	18.15	18.64	18.71	18.83	18.73	19.08
NWE Jet crack (\$/bb1)	17.52	18.54					20.74
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	45.00	45.00					
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	-26.51	-26.50				-23.79	
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)		-0.85				-0.59	-0.46
Gasoline	0.33	0.03	0.77	0.33	0.41	0.33	0.40
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB) (c/gal)	12.880	-3.550	2.870	4.960	7.120	4.983	14.593
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	15.670	15.370	10.540		7.120	8.627	7.680
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	6.840	7.260	7.120		6.830	6.940	6.973
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-8.830	-8.100	-3.420		-0.180	-1.690	-0.713
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)		138.510			73.260	84.927	
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	49.630	52.710	52.960		54.220	53.300	61.273
Naphtha	43.030	32.710	32.300	32.720	34.220	33.300	01.275
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-13.950	-12.640	-11.540	-10.910	-10.480	-10.977	-9.760
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	-5.900	-6.260	-6.310			-6.477	
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bb1)	-4.300	-4.210	-4.340				-5.310
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	14.250	18.250	17.500		17.500	17.500	15.083
Fuel Oil	14.230	10.230	17.300	17.500	17.300	17.500	13.00
3.5% bgs crack (\$/bbl)	-9.520	-9.900	-10.750	-11.310	-11.530	-11.197	-11.400
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	-7.000	-7.500	-8.700		-9.940	-9.413	-10.153
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bb1)	-6.170	-6.320	-7.240				-8.197
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	5.250	7.500	9.250		11.000	10.167	
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% bgs) (\$/mt)	16.000	15.250			10.150	11.350	
0.5% bgs crack (\$/bbl)	4.230	3.930					
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	10.920	10.700					
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% bgs) (\$/mt)		42.990					
European Hi5 (0.5% bgs vs 3.5% bgs) (\$/mt		87.820	90.570			91.337	
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	113.810			122.810			
0.5% bgs/gasoil (\$/mt)				-205.340			
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)				-140.390			
NGLs							
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-185.61	-167	-150.69	-142.78	-138.78	-144.083	-127.423
-		-233.5	-225.19			-222.083	-204.59
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	55	66.5	74.5		80.5	78	77.167
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/		41	37.5		27.5	33	20
European Pronap (\$/mt)	-77.04	-83.04	-86.04		-83.04	-84.457	-94.373
Asian Pronap (FEI vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-81.79	-75.79	-66.54				-52.29



Inter-month Crack Spreads			
Sep/Oct	12-Aug-24	1-Day Change	7-Day Change
Crude			
Brent/Dubai (\$/bbl)	-0.090	+0.010	-0.030
WTI/Brent (\$/bbl)	0.260	+0.030	+0.100
Distillates			
Gasoil 0.1 NWE crack (\$/bbl)	-0.490	-0.180	-0.270
NWE Jet crack (\$/bbl)	-0.810	-0.150	-0.260
NWE Jet Diff (\$/mt)	-2.500	+0.000	+0.000
Gasoil E/W (\$/bbl)	-0.890	+1.080	+1.100
Regrade (Sing Kero vs Sing 10ppm) (\$/bbl)	-0.080	-0.020	+0.060
Gasoline			
TA Arb (RBOB vs EBOB) (c/gal)	-6.420	-0.700	-0.510
EBOB crack (\$/mt)	4.830	+0.090	+0.140
Singapore 92 crack (\$/bbl)	0.140	+0.120	-0.100
Gasoline E/W (Sing 92 vs EBOB) (\$/bbl)	-4.680	+0.050	-0.230
European Gasnaph (EBOB vs Naphtha) (\$/mt)	39.500	+1.500	+2.000
Asian Gasnaph (Sing 92 vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	-0.250	+2.170	-0.160
Naphtha			
US C5 ENT vs WTI Crack	-1.100	-0.070	-0.280
NWE Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	0.050	-0.090	-0.110
MOPJ Naphtha Crack (\$/bbl)	0.130	-0.120	-0.070
Naphtha E/W (NWE vs MOPJ) (\$/mt)	0.750	-0.250	+0.250
Fuel Oil			
3.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	0.850	+0.040	+0.150
Singapore 380 crack (\$/bbl)	1.200	-0.080	+0.110
Singapore 180 crack (\$/bbl)	0.920	-0.120	+0.140
Visco (180-380) (\$/mt)	-1.750	-0.250	+0.250
HSFO E/W (380 vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	2.250	-0.750	-0.250
0.5% barges crack (\$/bbl)	0.410	-0.040	-0.090
Singapore 0.5% crack (\$/bbl)	0.530	+0.000	-0.040
VLSFO E/W (Sing 0.5% vs 0.5% barges) (\$/mt)	0.750	+0.250	+0.250
European Hi5 (0.5% barges vs 3.5% barges) (\$/mt)	-2.750	-0.500	-1.500
Asian Hi5 (Sing 0.5% vs 380) (\$/mt)	-4.250	+0.500	-1.000
0.5% barges/gasoil (\$/mt)	5.650	+1.070	+1.570
Sing 0.5% vs Sing 10ppm (\$/mt)	7.520	+0.470	+0.680
NGLs			
US Propane LST vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-16.310	+0.010	+0.010
US Propane LST vs Asian Propane FEI (\$/mt)	-8.310		-1.490
Asian Propane FEI vs NWE Propane (\$/mt)	-8.000	-0.500	+1.500
Asian Propane FEI vs Saudi Propane CP (\$/mt)	3.500	+2.000	+4.500
European Pronap (NWE Propane vs NWE Naphtha) (\$/mt)			-0.500