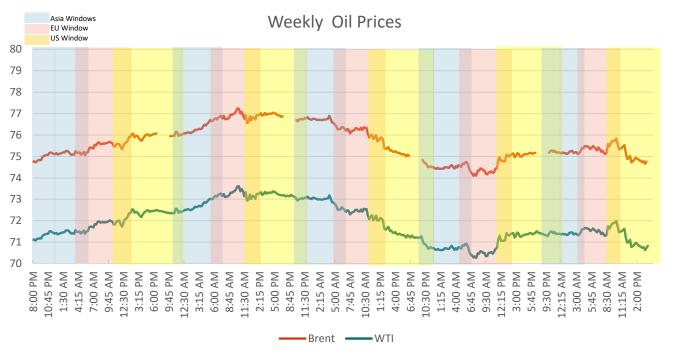
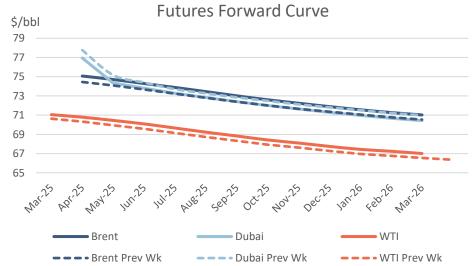


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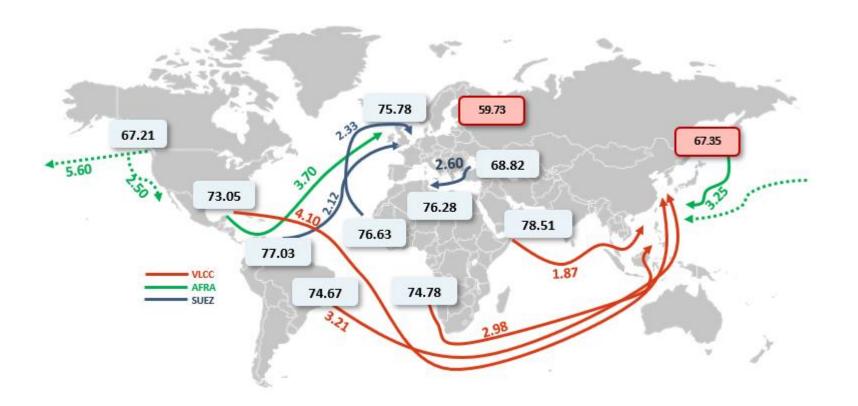


# Flat Price

- Selling wave always starts in the US section
- Flat price structure taking a hit on the prompt months
- Low volatility and volumes all around
- Oil still prone to headlines

**Neutral** 

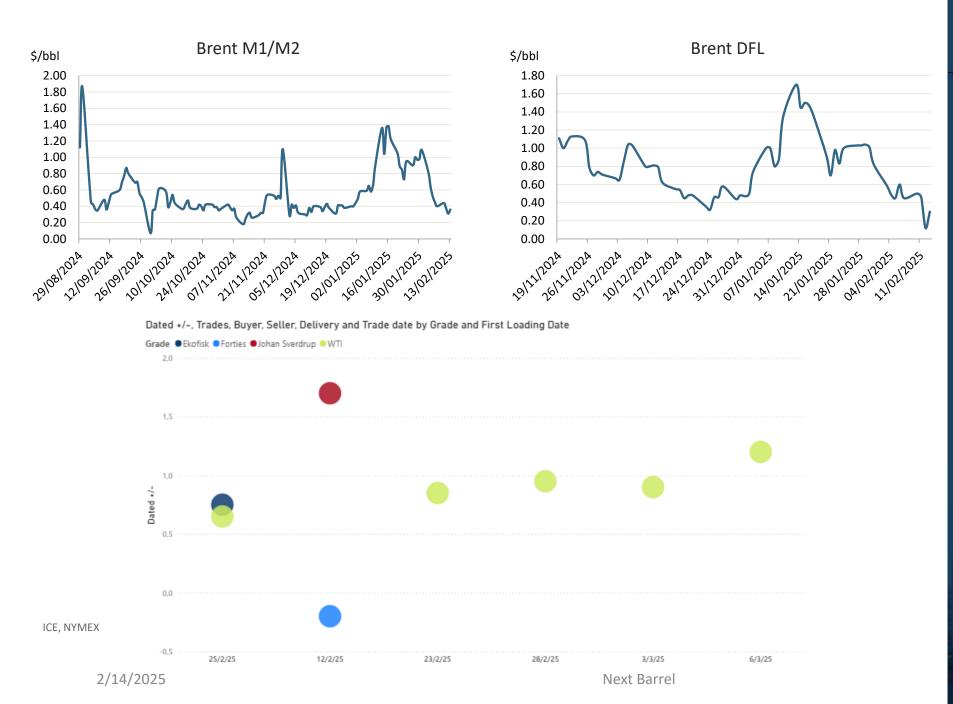
# Global Crude + Freight



# Crude Oil Physical

- Long hauls demand is easing
- Main arbs sold off and started opening again on freight re pricing
- Differentials little changed
- Russian Urals going below the price cap
- Strong Atlantic pull from China

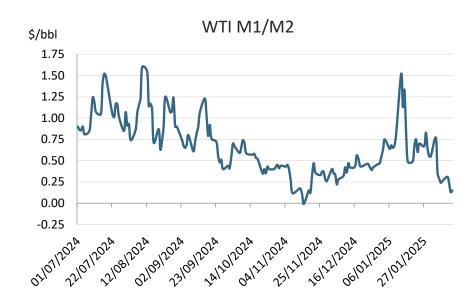
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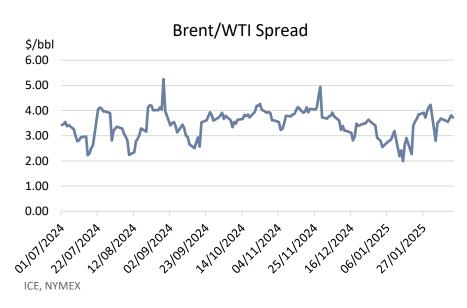


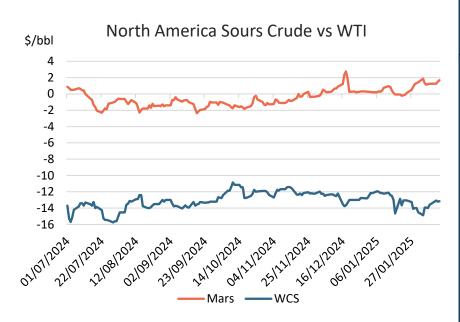
### North sea

- Brent complex struggling despite physical differentials improving.
- Forties crude selling at negative levels to Dated Brent.
- WTI arriving in Europe at parity or slightly above Brent.
- Johan Sverdrup trading at \$1.70 premium due to intermittent outages.
- Refining margins are strong, no tariffs on European goods (positive sign).

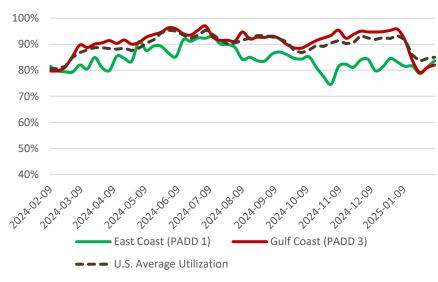








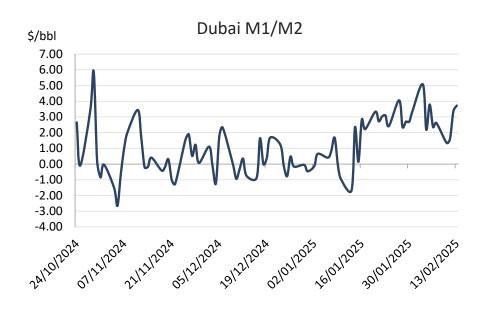


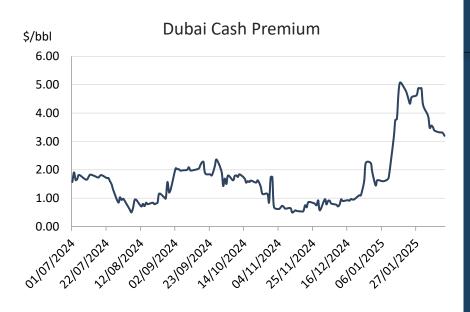


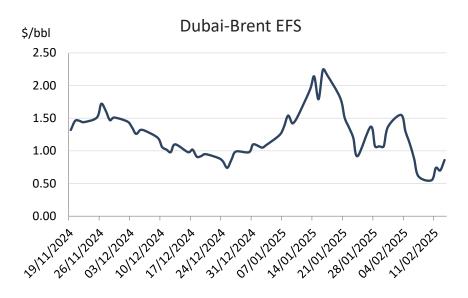
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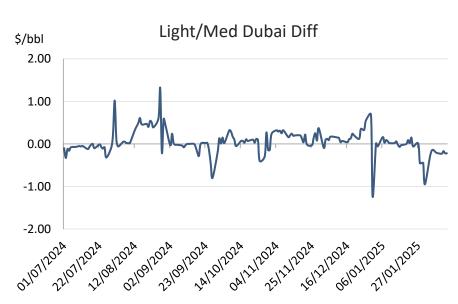
- Tariff concerns dodged, market moving into seasonal trends.
- Cushing receiving more barrels; distillate inventories up, gasoline stocks down.
- Refinery utilization rising;
  1.5Mbpd capacity returning
  online.
- US West Coast facing refined product shortages due to firedamaged infrastructure.
- Mexico's Maya crude shipments facing quality complaints.
- Exxon & partners planning 250kbd expansion in Guyana.
- Argentina's Vaca Muerta play aiming for 300kbd by Q2.

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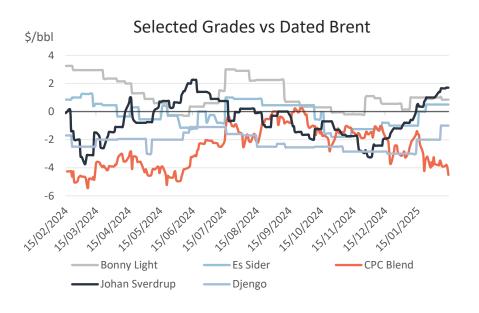


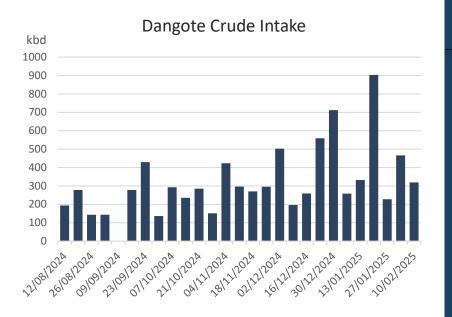
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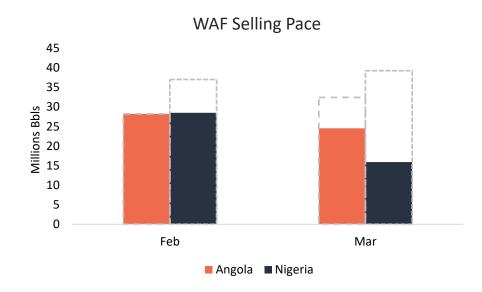
- Crude premiums (Oman, Dubai, Murban) sliding, shedding 20 cents/day.
- Light trading due to Lunar New Year; Total's absence affecting the market.
- Saudi Aramco reducing crude allocation to China for the second month.
- ADNOC's Murban pricing anomaly making Dubai benchmark unreliable.
- Asian buyers seeking cheaper alternatives from the Atlantic market.

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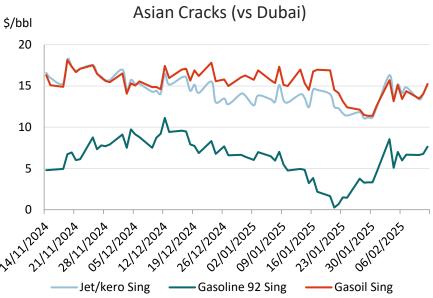


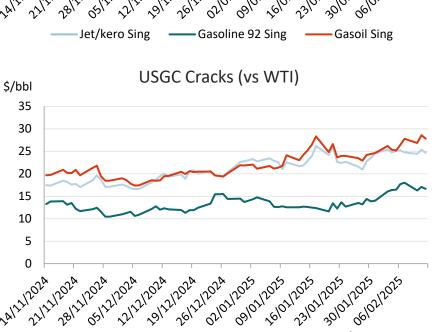


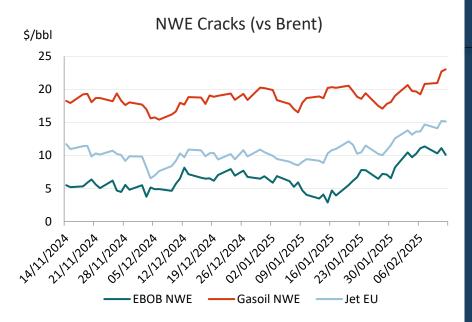
# WAF

- Market cooling after Indian tenders; Nigerian cargoes mostly sold.
- European refinery maintenance expected to reduce WAF demand.
- Dangote refinery ramping up, reducing Nigerian crude exports
- Market waiting for April Angolan
  Program

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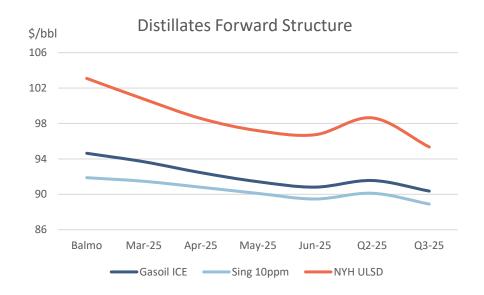


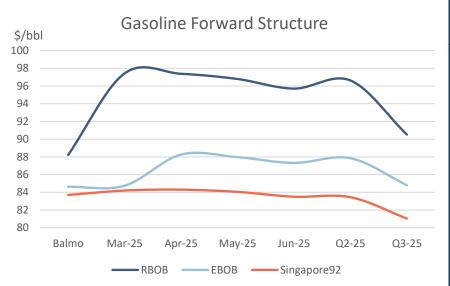


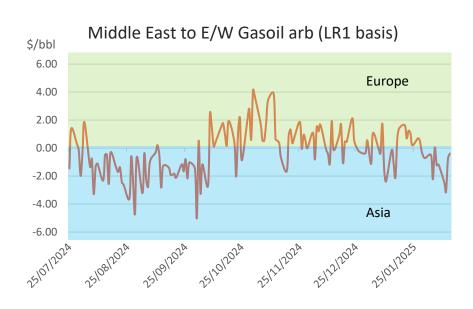
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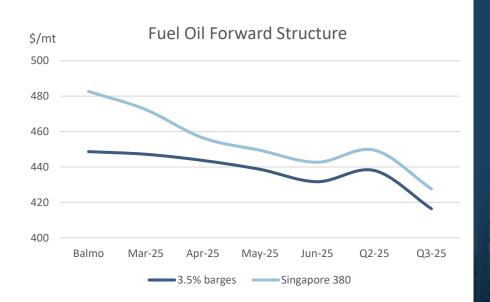
- Refining margins solid worldwide.
- Gasoline, distillate stock draws following seasonal trends.
- Gasoil from the Middle East may start flowing to Europe.
- Jet fuel demand surprisingly strong since January.
- HSFO cracks turned positive in Asia; Russian fuel oil supply tightening.
- Strong bunker demand; refinery runs stable and increasing.

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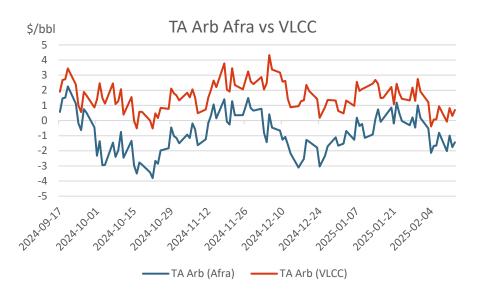


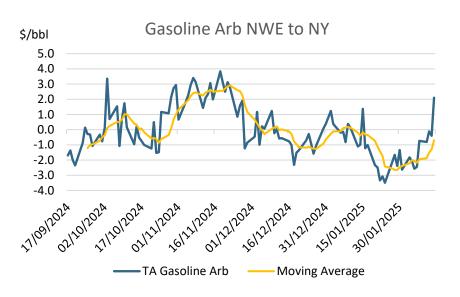


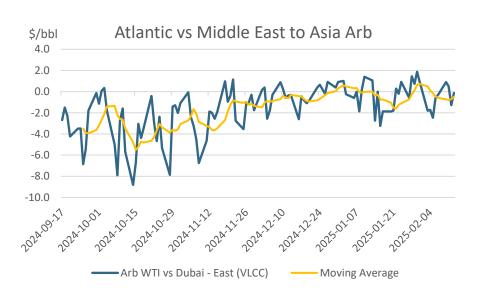
# **Products Swaps**

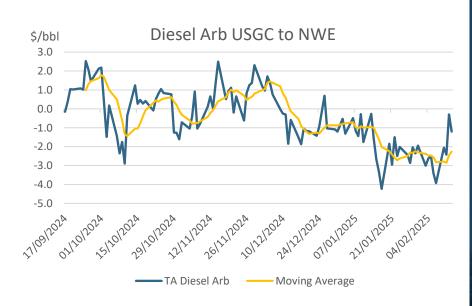
- Distillates regaining some backwardation as storage draws
- Gasoline price structure unworkable
- Backwardation in US might be too steep.
- Fuel oil structure stronger in Asia, arb opportunities for Q2
- Gasoil from Middle East about to point towards Europe on LR1 basis

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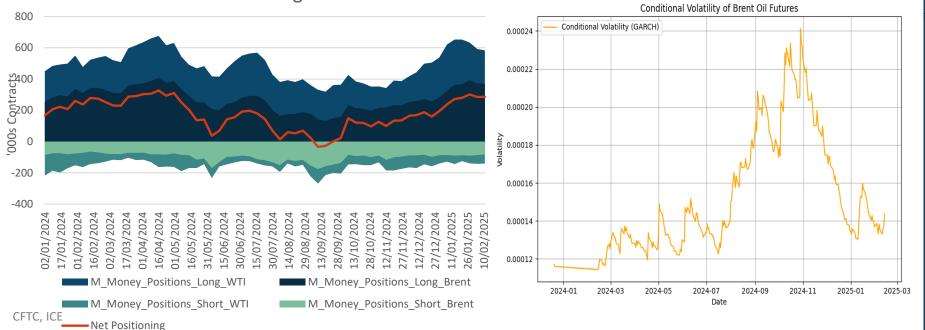


## Arbs

- TA crude arb capped by Brent/Ti spread, needs a couple of cents more to make it worthwhile
- TD22 arb about to open again
- Gasoline arb wide open to USAC
- Diesel arb also looking constructive
- TC2-TC14 triangulation in the money

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### **Cumulative Positioning in Futures**



#### USO Net Fund Flows

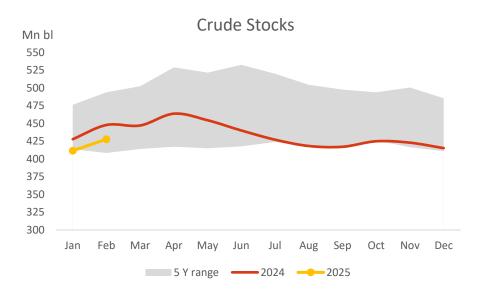


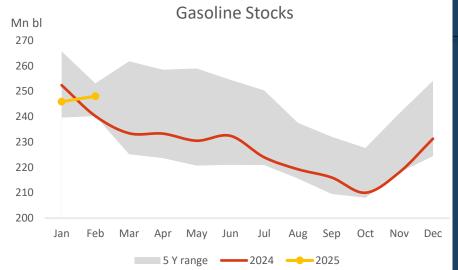
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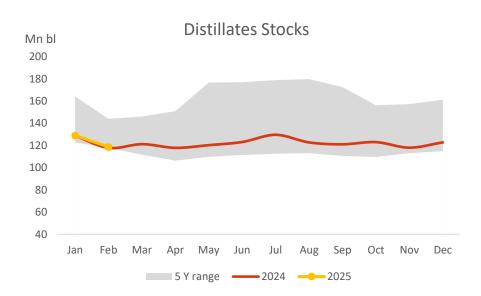
# Paper Markets

- Long positions unwinding, prices pegged at \$75.
- Realized volatility low, no clear trend for CTAs.
- Key levels: \$70 or \$80 for positioning shifts.

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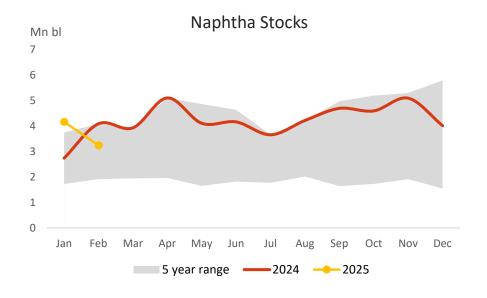


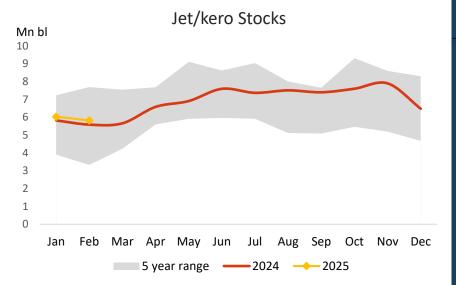
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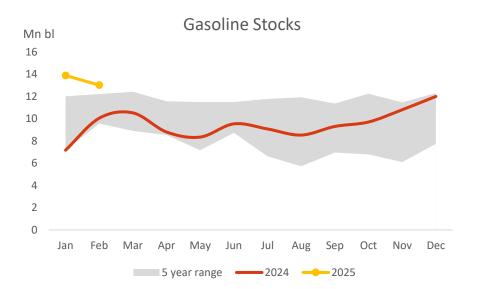
- Gasoline finally drawing
- Cushing stocks builds, moving away from tank bottoms
- Smaller than expected overall crude build
- Distillates pare drawings
- US refinery utilization picking up slowly in PADD3
- PADD5 short on road fuels

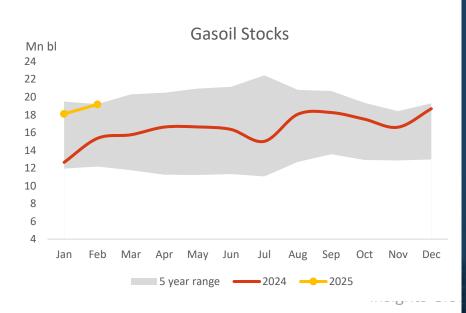
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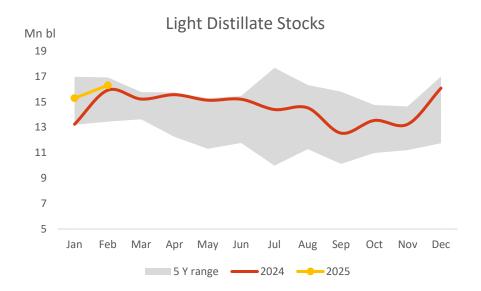


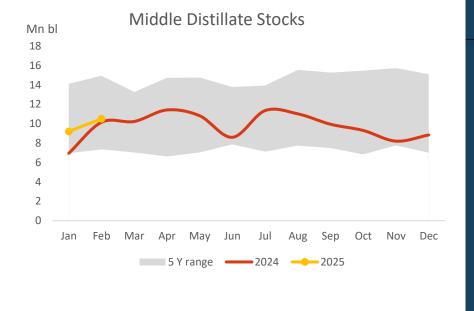


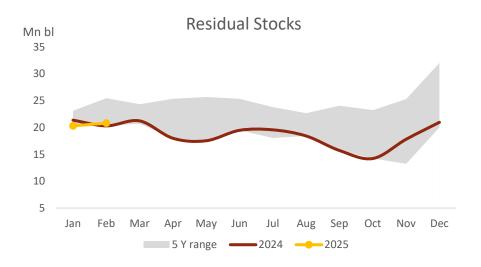
### **Inventories ARA**

- Gasoline coming off record highs
- Distillates building in tune with US counterparty
- 800kbd in Gasoil arrivals expected for next week

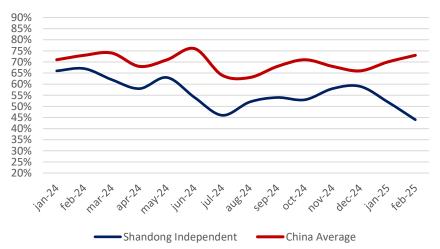
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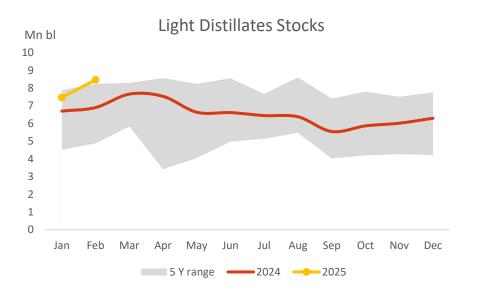
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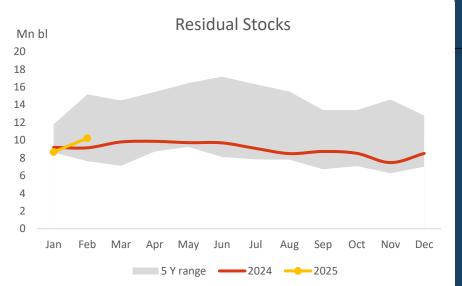
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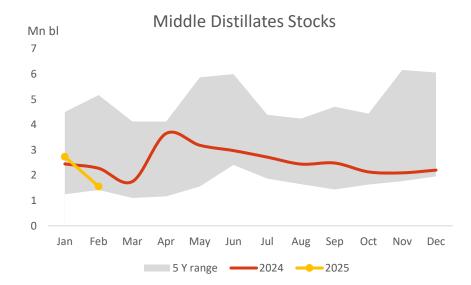
- Stocks building for 3<sup>rd</sup> week in a row
- Chinese Jet arriving in early March
- Lower teapot runs is leaving resids in Singapore

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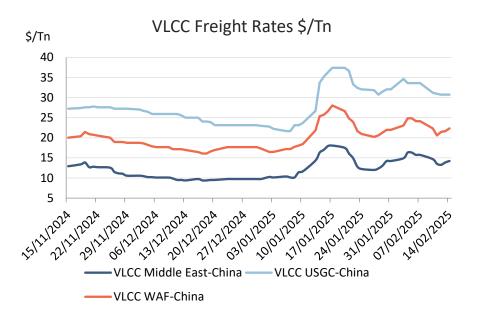


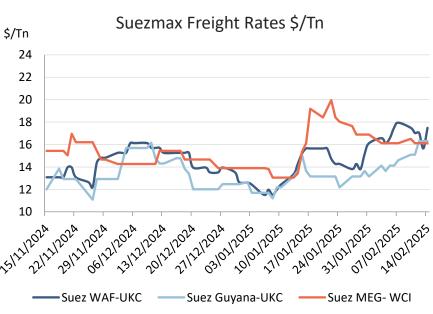
Fujairah Oil Industry Zone

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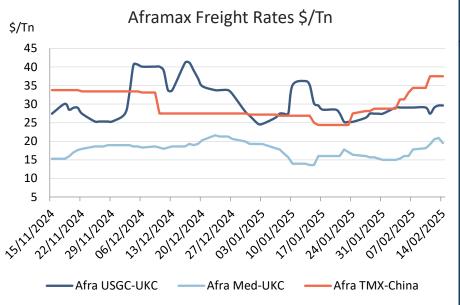
- Middle East length in naphtha and gasoline (prob Russian origin)
- Bunker demand steady
- Distillate flows about to point West

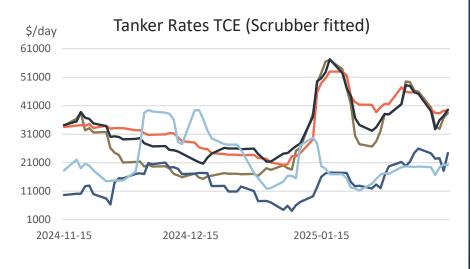
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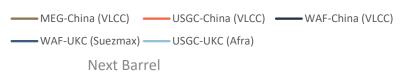




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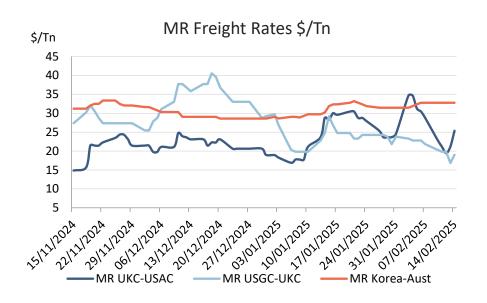


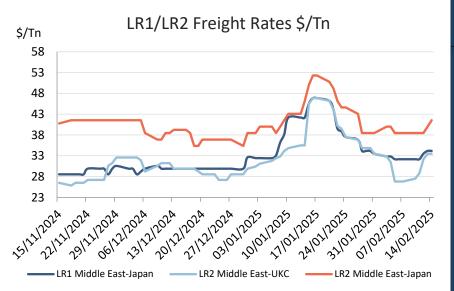


# **Tankers Dirty**

- VLCCs in holding pattern, max workable freight considering spreads
- Afras hot in West Canada, steady in the Meds.
- Russian price cap lifters improving Afras and Suez in Europe
- Suez tight in WAF
- High fuel oil prices dampening TCEs

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| ECO Scrubber Vessel | 1 year TC   |
|---------------------|-------------|
| VLCC                | \$47k/day   |
| Suezmax             | \$33k/day   |
| Aframax/LR2         | \$31k/day   |
| Panamax             | \$22.5k/day |
| MR                  | \$21k/day   |

## Tankers Clean

- TA Arb open, TC2 should react soon
- LR1s list looks tight as inquiry grows
- LR2s positioned to capture gasoil E/W arb
- FFAS switched momentum, with gains all around

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