

10/12/2024

Prices movement (front month)	02 Dec	09 Dec	% Change (Settlement Prices)
Brent Crude	71.83	72.14	+0.43%
VLSFO (Singapore)	529.43	517.94	-2.17%

Crude Oil Market :

Crude markets have been trading fairly rangebound so far this month, with a roof at \$74.28/bbl and a floor at \$70.85/bbl. The main Intraday rallies or slumps since last week have been caused by OPEC decisions or Chinese fiscal policy announcements, with new developments in the Middle East also playing a small part in the background.

Prices rallied yesterday, boosted by China's Politburo sending a clear message that there will be further stimulus in 2025. There is likely to be a moderate loosening of monetary policy in China next year with a more proactive fiscal policy resulting in the end to the 3% budget deficit ceiling. Also in China news, their crude oil imports jumped by 14.3% on the year to 48.52m metric tons in November for the first annual growth in seven months amid lower Middle East prices, stockpile additions and as refiners used up quotas.

Thursday last week saw the confirmation by OPEC+ that it is delaying the 2.2m b/d voluntary cut unwinding until April. This was already expected by the market and mostly priced in, but still offered some support to prices at the time.

The revolution in Syria and subsequent fleeing of Assad to Russia has added further concerns with regards to the Middle East situation but is yet to have any real impact on oil markets.

Feb25 Brent Crude Futures From 02 Dec to Date



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