Energy Sector – Neutral

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Mixed bag

- US crude, gasoline stocks rise on strong import
- Subdue coal price outlook ahead
- Drone attacks on Russian refineries intensify
- Global trade flows have showed signs of accelerating

China's portside thermal coal prices continued the moderate decline on March 28, owing to an excess of supply coupled with weakened demand, fueling pessimism about the near-term market outlook. Meanwhile, the oil markets are increasingly putting their trust into OPEC+ production cuts to remain in place throughout this year, a feat which combined with an improving macroeconomic outlook could bring \$90 per barrel sooner than assumed

Weekly US data: US crude, gasoline stocks rise on strong import

- Crude inventories rose by 3.2 million barrels to 448.2 million barrels in the week ended March 22, the EIA said, compared with analysts' expectations of 0.7 million-barrel draw. The crude build was supported by a net increase in U.S. crude imports by 1.12 million barrels per day.
- U.S. gasoline stocks rose by 1.3 million barrels in the week to 232.1 million barrels, the EIA said, as gasoline demand fell by about 94,000 barrels per day. Distillate stockpiles, which include diesel and heating oil, fell by 1.2 million barrels in the week to 117.3 million barrels, versus expectations for a 0.5 million-barrel rise, the EIA data showed.

Subdue coal price outlook ahead

- Lower China coal output. Domestic raw coal production declined by 4.2% YoY to 710mt in 2M24, largely due to declines in Shanxi.
- Largely due to lower coal demand. This softness is linked to the expected deceleration in China's thermal power output expansion as energy security concerns ease. Kpler Insight forecasts a mere 1% yoy increase in China's annual coal production in 2024, with total coal imports potentially witnessing a 3% decline.
- Easing coal price. We have tracked a plummet in thermal coal price and China's domestic coal prices since mid-March. We expect no sudden price surge due to the supply controls from mostly balanced supplydemand dynamics in 2024 thus far and elevated inventory levels at China coal-fired power IPPs. We maintain our SELL rating on BANPU.

Bullish diesel market ahead

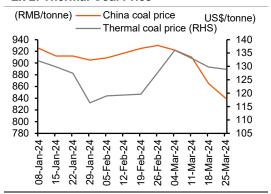
Drone attacks on Russian refineries intensify. The last couple of days have seen Ukraine intensify its drone attacks against Russian refineries. Tangible damage forcing reduced operational rates so far has been seen at Ust-Luga, Ilsky (repaired by now), alongside Tuapse, Nizhny Novgorod, Ryazan, and Syzran. Overall, the effect on primary runs solely stemming from Ukrainian drone attacks is seen at about 530 k bpd over March and April and falling to 400 k bpd in May with a knock-on effect to gasoil

News Update

Ex 1: US Weekly data												
(m bbls)	Weekly change	Consensus	Last week									
Crude Oil	3.165	-0.700	-1.952									
Gasoline	1.299	-1.650	-3.310									
Distillates	-1.185	0.518	0.642									
(k bpd)	Weekly change	% Change	Current number									
Production	0.0	0.0%	13,100									
Refinery Runs	+147	+0.9%	15,932									

Source: EIA

Ex 2: Thermal Coal Price



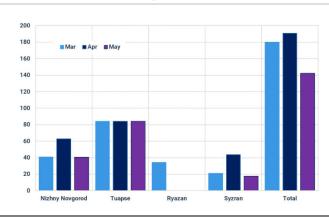
Sources: Bloomberg

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supply in the region of 180 k bpd over March and April and 140 k bpd in May. This represent about 15% of Russia normal gasoil export and 0.5% of global diesel capacity.

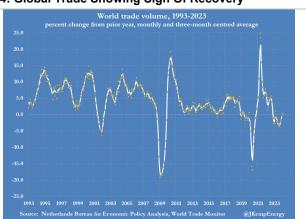
- Global trade flows have showed signs of accelerating at the start of 2024, as the major industrial economies began to pull out of the slump that started in late 2022, which should boost demand for transport fuels such as diesel. Seasonally adjusted world trade volumes hit a 10-month high in January 2024, according to data compiled by the Netherlands Bureau of Economic Policy Analysis (CPB).
- Impact. Russia's refinery capacity outages as well as recovery in global trade activities could add a significant risk premium to the middle distillates market which is the key product for Thai refineries. We maintain our Buy rating on BSRC/BCP/TOP/SPRC.

Ex 3: Russia's Gasoil Supply Loss Due To Drone Strikes



Source: Kepler

Ex 4: Global Trade Showing Sign Of Recovery



Source: JkempEnergy

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Ex 5: Prices And Spreads

	Unit	This	Last	%			Yearly						
		week	week	chg	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2022	2023	2024
Upstream													
Dubai	(US\$/bbl)	87	85	1.8%	84	80	78	87	84	82	97	81	82
Brent	(US\$/mmbtu)	87	85	2.4%	89	82	78	86	83	82	99	82	82
Henry hub	(US\$/mmbtu)	1.8	1.7	6.3%	6.1	2.8	2.3	2.7	2.9	2.1	6.5	2.6	2.1
JKM Spot	(US\$/mmbtu)	9.4	9.5	-1.3%	31.2	18.4	11.1	12.3	15.6	9.7	34.0	13.9	9.7
Dutch TTF	(EUR/MWh)	27	28	-1.6%	123	53	35	34	43	28	132	41	28
NEX coal price	(US\$/tonne)	129	128	1.1%	380	255	161	147	136	126	357	188	126
Crack spreads	over Dubai												
Gasoline	(US\$/bbl)	18.3	18.4	-0.3%	9.4	18.7	16.6	18.9	12.6	17.5	18.8	16.7	17.5
Jet fuel	(US\$/bbl)	14.6	18.8	-22.3%	33.5	26.5	14.0	26.1	23.6	20.9	30.3	22.5	20.9
Diesel	(US\$/bbl)	16.5	18.7	-12.1%	39.3	25.2	14.6	26.9	21.1	21.2	34.3	21.9	21.2
HSFO	(US\$/bbl)	(8.2)	(8.9)	-8.0%	(22.5)	(16.3)	(8.7)	(5.4)	(11.0)	(9.6)	(14.1)	(10.3)	(9.6)
SG GRM	(US\$/bbl)	6.4	7.4	-13.3%	7.0	8.9	5.4	10.9	6.3	8.1	11.5	7.9	8.1
Aromatics													
PX-naphtha	(US\$/tonne)	299	313	-4.5%	289	318	407	407	349	323	299	378	323
BZ-naphtha	(US\$/tonne)	339	358	-5.3%	184	252	275	273	269	326	267	267	326
Olefin													
HDPE-naphtha	(US\$/tonne)	329	328	0.3%	336	373	436	361	350	333	392	390	333
LDPE-naphtha	(US\$/tonne)	449	448	0.2%	523	476	443	363	372	454	683	427	454
PP-naphtha	(US\$/tonne)	299	288	3.8%	301	369	403	305	303	302	386	359	302
Others													
Integrated PET	(US\$/tonne)	136	132	3.1%	212	201	194	114	135	136	278	161	136
Phenol-BZ	(US\$/tonne)	(61)	(69)	-11.6%	269	87	79	89	86	(36)	279	85	(36)
BPA -Phenol	(US\$/tonne)	298	298	0.0%	368	282	299	270	306	319	551	289	319

Sources: TOP, Bloomberg

Ex 6: Valuation

	Rating	Current	Target	Upside/	Market Norm EPS grw		Norm PE EV/EBITDA		BITDA	— P/BV —		— Yield —		— ROE —			
		price	price	(Downside)	сар	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F	24F	25F
		(Bt)	(Bt)	(%)	(US\$ m)	(%)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
BANPU	SELL	5.55	7.00	26.1	1,528	(2.0)	(30.4)	6.9	9.9	5.2	5.0	0.4	0.4	3.6	2.5	6.0	4.0
BCP	BUY	45.50	53.00	16.5	1,722	(2.8)	11.7	6.6	5.9	4.6	4.2	8.0	0.7	3.6	4.0	12.5	12.8
BSRC	BUY	10.10	12.00	18.8	961	93.5	14.4	7.1	6.2	5.4	4.5	1.1	1.0	5.3	6.1	16.5	17.0
IRPC	SELL	1.90	1.50	(21.1)	1,067	na	104.6	63.5	31.0	12.2	10.8	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.7	8.0	1.6
IVL	SELL	23.70	23.00	(3.0)	3,657	111.2	100.4	26.6	13.3	7.1	6.1	8.0	0.7	1.1	2.3	3.0	5.7
OR	SELL	17.90	16.00	(10.6)	5,903	(14.6)	13.5	22.7	20.0	11.8	10.6	1.9	1.8	2.5	2.8	8.5	9.3
PTG	SELL	8.90	8.00	(10.1)	408	(1.9)	5.3	16.0	15.2	4.5	3.9	1.6	1.5	2.8	3.0	10.4	10.3
PTT	SELL	34.00	30.00	(11.8)	26,689	(2.2)	(1.7)	10.0	10.1	3.8	3.3	0.9	8.0	5.9	5.9	8.6	8.3
PTTEP	BUY	153.00	187.00	22.2	16,693	(6.1)	(7.4)	8.2	8.9	2.4	2.6	1.1	1.0	5.6	5.2	14.1	12.1
PTTGC	HOLD	38.25	33.00	(13.7)	4,740	na	77.5	30.8	17.4	10.5	9.0	0.6	0.6	2.0	2.2	1.9	3.4
scc	BUY	256.00	325.00	27.0	8,443	34.0	31.6	15.3	11.6	18.5	9.5	8.0	0.8	3.3	4.3	5.4	6.9
SPRC	BUY	9.00	9.80	8.9	1,072	na	(3.3)	11.4	11.8	6.6	6.1	1.0	1.0	2.2	2.3	9.1	8.3
TOP	BUY	59.50	61.00	2.5	3,653	(49.0)	50.8	9.5	6.3	9.4	7.6	8.0	0.7	3.5	5.4	8.3	11.7

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

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