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The record oil price bull run came to an end of Thursday, with the front-month Brent crude contract settling 0.5% lower but remaining in the USD 61/barrel range, and WTI falling by 0.7% but remaining in the USD 58/barrel range.

The loss came after both OPEC and the International Energy Agency (IEA) played down the idea of a swift recovery in crude demand, due to new strains of coronavirus, continued lockdown measures and the slow rollout of Covid-19 vaccines in Europe.

Front-month European gas prices continued to slide amid forecasts of milder weather and ample gas supply – namely more LNG. The front-month UK NBP price settled 7.5% lower, and the month-ahead Dutch TTF price slid by 6.4% to settle at the equivalent of USD 6.17/MMBtu. In the US, the front-month Henry Hub price fell by 1.5% to close in the USD 2.8/MMBtu range.

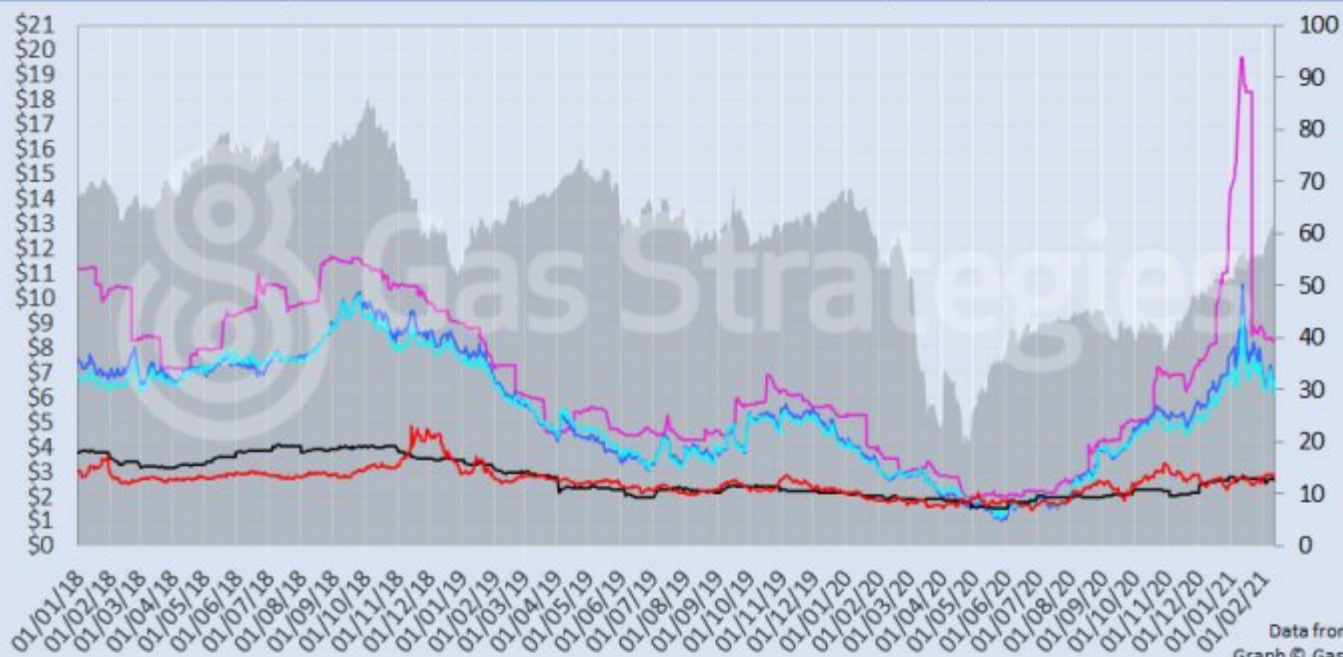
CME's JKM futures contract continued to slide, closing 0.2% lower at USD 8.27/MMBtu.

The European carbon price fell back into the EUR 38/tonne range after hitting a record high on Wednesday.

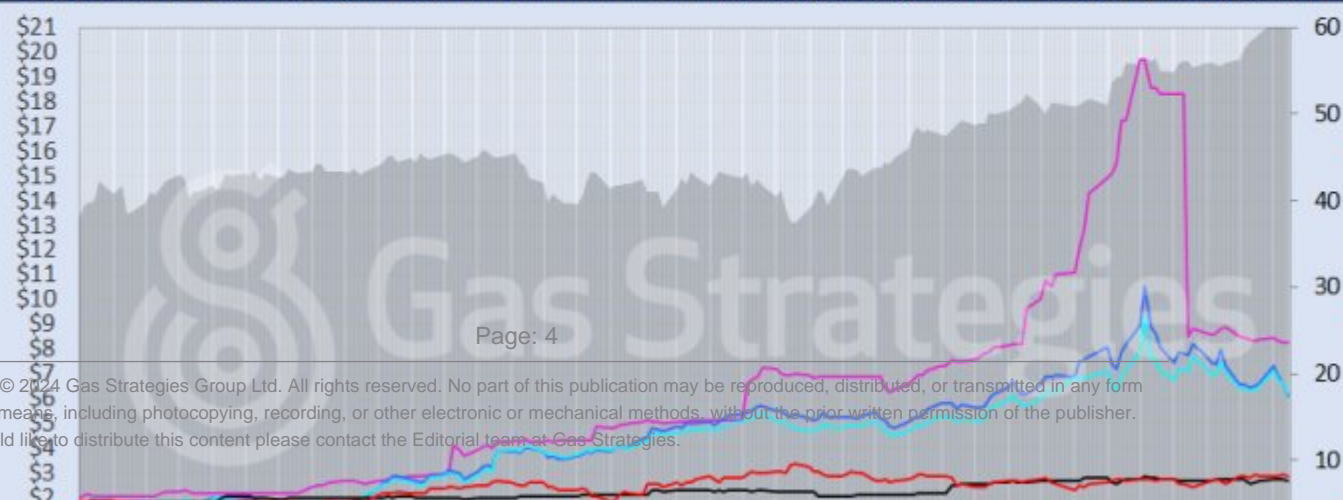
Front-month futures and indexes at last close with day-on-day changes (click to enlarge):

Front-month futures/index	11/02/2021	10/02/2021	Daily +/- (\$)	Daily
Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu)	2.87	2.91	-0.04	
NBP (\$/MMBtu)	6.14	6.64	-0.50	
NBP (£p/th)	44.43	47.91	-3.48	
Henry Hub-NBP spread	3.27	3.72	-0.45	
TTF (\$/MMBtu)	6.17	6.60	-0.43	
TTF (€/MWh)	17.37	18.56	-1.19	
Henry Hub-TTF spread	3.31	3.69	-0.38	
JKM (\$/MMBtu)	8.27	8.28	-0.01	
TTF-JKM spread	2.09	1.68	0.41	
Henry Hub-JKM spread	5.40	5.37	0.03	
Brent (\$/barrel)	61.14	61.47	-0.33	
WTI (\$/barrel)	58.24	58.68	-0.44	
Brent-WTI spread (\$/barrel)	2.90	2.79	0.11	
API2 Coal (\$/tonne)	67.15	68.05	-0.90	
API2 Coal (\$/MMBtu)	2.69	2.72	-0.04	
EU CO ₂ emissions allowances (€/tonne)	38.71	39.28	-0.57	

US, UK and European gas hubs, Asian LNG, API2 coal front-month futures (left axis) and Brent crude (right axis), since 1 Jan 2018



US, UK and EU gas hubs, Asian LNG, API2 coal front-month futures (left axis) and Brent crude (right axis), since 1 Jan 2018



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?Time references based on London GMT. Brent, WTI, NBP, TTF and EU CO2 data from ICE. Henry Hub, JKM and API2 data from CME. Prices in USD/MMBtu based on exchange rates at last market close. All monetary values rounded to nearest whole cent/penny. Text and graphic copyright © Gas Strategies, all rights reserved.



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