

ULTIMATE BREAKOUT SYSTEM MANUAL



Introduction:

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Welcome to the Ultimate Breakout System!

The title for this EA is not just chosen as a sales pitch. I truly believe this system is one of the best, if not THE best breakout system on the market. It has been in development for more than 8 years in total, and I personally used it to create over more than 60 working strategies that I use daily in my many private trading accounts.

The system is fully customizable with a huge variety of parameters to optimize, both for entry and exit of trades. It can basically be used for creating unlimited strategies for any market, and for any timeframe.

Ofcourse, a good system, without a proper manual on how to use it, is almost worthless, so I will include a full description, on how to create your own strategies, that have the highest probability of making profits in real live trading accounts.

So let's get to it!

What is a breakout strategy?

There are 2 types of breakout strategies:

- A) **Breakout of support and resistance**
- B) **Volatility Breakout**

Breakout of support and resistance:



The strategy itself is rather simple from a visual perspective. The EA will detect important support and resistance levels (recent highs and lows that stick out), and will put pending stop orders at those levels, which will be triggered when price breaks through those levels.

Each trade can be set up with a SL, TP, various TrailingSL options, and also a TrailingTP option

This breakout strategy has been used for decades by professional technical traders already. Longterm this is one of the most consistent strategies in trading in my opinion.

For swing systems, this can be used on higher timeframes, like H4, Daily or even Weekly charts

For scalping systems, this can be used for lower timeframes, from H1 to M1.

Why is this strategy such an effective one? Because it follows market structure during trends. When markets trend, they are either making higher highs, or lower lows. For this, they simply must break through the support and resistance levels. And since so many traders keep an eye on these levels, either to enter the trade on the breakout, or their stoplosses get triggered, it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Volatility Breakout



A volatility breakout is a breakout that shows a sudden strong move in a certain direction (up or down) after a rather quiet period. The idea behind this strategy is, that if price starts moving strongly in one direction, the probability of it continuing in that direction is higher than it reversing. A commonly used approach for this, is comparing the recent candle size(s) with the ATR. This basically tells you the recent move compared to the average movement of price for the symbol.

How to install the EA:

If you purchased it directly on the MT5 Market, the EA will be installed automatically on your MT4/MT5 platform. You only need to set it up on the charts.

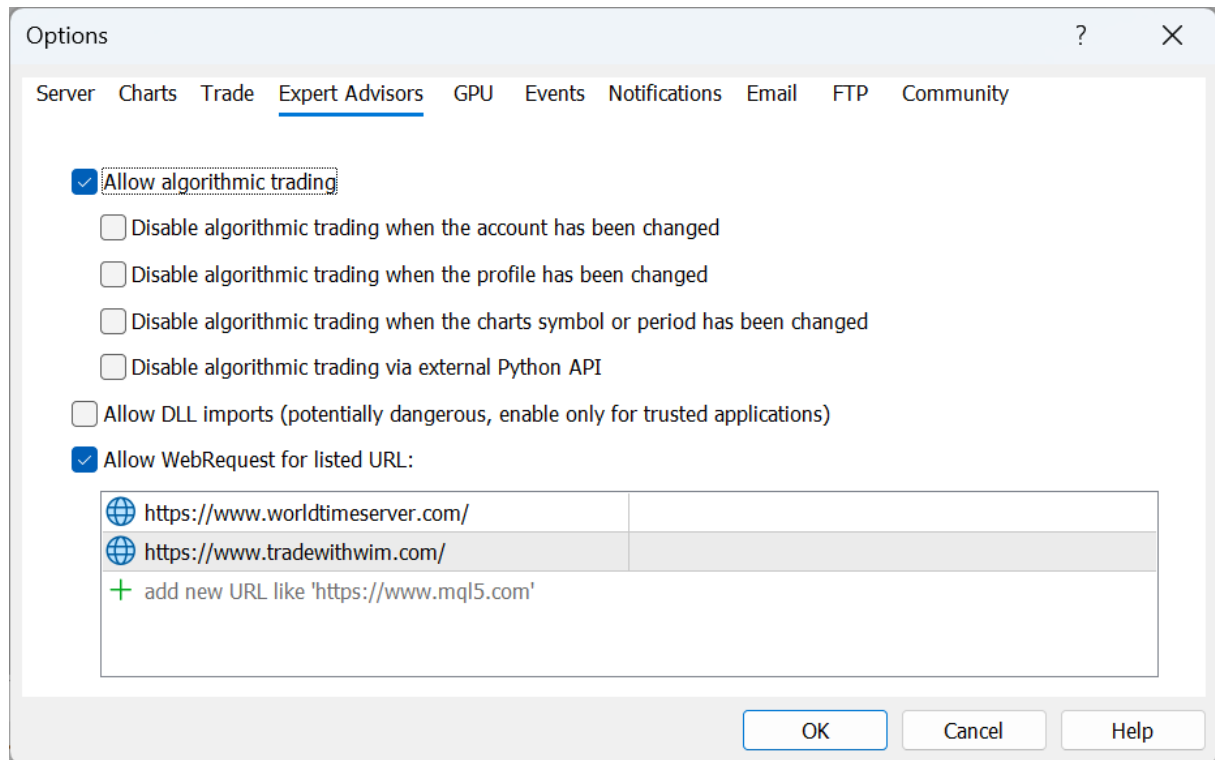
If you purchased on MQL5.com then you need to install it on the MT5 platform first:

- First go to MT5 -> Tools -> Options -> Community -> Fill in your MQL5 credentials
- Then go to MT5 -> Market -> Purchased -> Ultimate Breakout System -> Install

If you received the ex5 file directly from me -> please go to your MT5 -> FILE ->

OPEN DATA FOLDER -> MQL5 -> EXPERTS -> advisors -> put the EA file here in this folder. Then restart your MT5. It is now available in your experts window.

Getting the MT5 platform ready for trading: Go to MT5 -> Tools -> Options -> Expert Advisors and set it up like this:



The URL <https://www.worldtimeserver.com/> must be added as indicated, in order for the AutoGMT to work. This is necessary when using the news filters

If you received the EA directly from me, you must also add the URL <https://www.tradewithwim.com/> for the licensing system to work.

Broker choice: For optimizations and backtesting, I mostly use Metaquotes demo account. They have very good historical data for Forex and Gold. For Indices, I used ICMarkets, since the data from Metaquotes didn't seem good enough. Keep in mind that many brokers don't have good historical data, so it is usually recommended to use Metaquotes data for most optimizations.

First use of the EA

The default parameter settings of the EA, are the result of an optimization that I ran for XAUUSD Daily chart, so you can use it to run some backtests and get a feel of how the EA works. (a full description of the parameters is available in the end of this manual.)

This default set can also be used for live trading, as it is a solid strategy already. I have used a +10 year out of sample period in the creation process of this set, so I'm confident it will uphold during live trading as well.

I recommend running a visual backtest of using default settings, and see how the EA locates the support and resistance levels, and sets its pending orders at those levels.

You can already start playing around with the entry and exit parameters, to see what effect they have on the trades. This is the best way to learn to understand how the algorithm works.

I have also included ALL the parameter sets that I ever developed using this EA. Including those that I used for my breakout system on MQL5 (Daytrade Pro, Goldtrade Pro, Gold Reaper, Goldbot One and Indicement). You also use these already for live accounts to make your own unique portfolio setups.

Most of my set files that I have included are for longterm trading, which means that if you run a backtest, it makes no sense to do "very short-term" backtest. I recommend running at least from 2020-2025, but even from 2000-2025 they should be stable.

NOTE: From **UBS Version 5.0**, all sets are set to fixed lotsize 0.01lots for forex symbols, and to 0.1lots for Gold, Bitcoin and Indices. Basically all markets that go up over time, and are using "variable Values" (see further for more info on this). This is done to easily run the backtests needed to calculate the risk per strategy.

To load a strategy (set file), you simply click on "load" in the inputs-window (first right-click anywhere in the inputs window for backtesting), and then select the set file.

Using the AutoLoad function (OneChartSetup)

Since Version 5.0, there now is the possibility to run multiple sets from 1 chart, whether live, or during backtests. This helps making portfolio setups much easier, preventing the need of having to run the EA on multiple charts.

In preparation for this, I already adapted all the existing set files for this new option. Basically, what I did was make sure that all set files have different magicnumber, (and a different trade comment). This is needed to make sure that different strategies don't start managing each other's trades. Also, I made sure that no parameters were missing in the set files, as that could make the set file not load into the OneChartSetup.

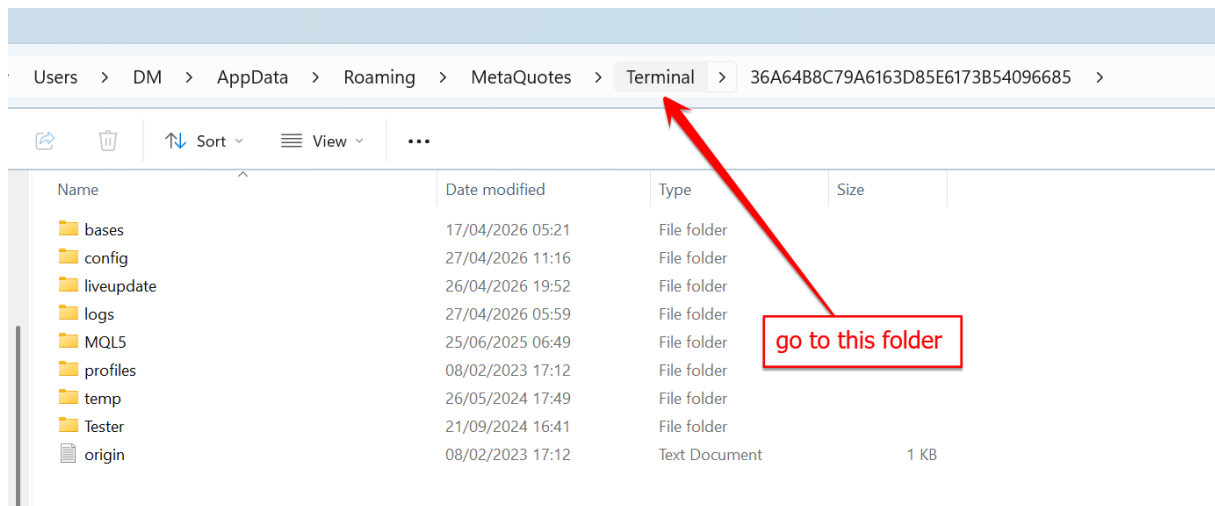
Also, I introduced a new way of calculating lotsize, based on Max Risk Per Strategy. For this to work, I added the correct historical max drawdown values for each strategy (set file). So now, we can simply run multiple strategies from 1 chart, select a Max Risk Per strategy and the EA will nicely balance all strategies. For example, you could run 20 strategies, all with 2% risk per strategy, and in one backtest, you would see what the total max drawdown would be. This make creating portfolios and setting them up much easier compared to the past versions!

IMPORTANT: To use the Autoload Function, we first need to prepare the set files. I did all of the preparation already (adding a Max historical Drawdown value for each strategy/changing magicnumbers etc..), but if you want to make individual risk settings per strategy, or want to use your own strategies, you still need to do/check all these steps:

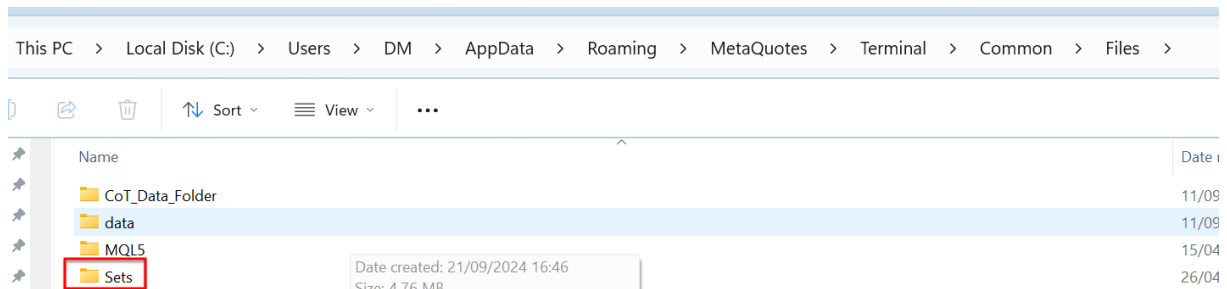
- a) Set a unique Magicnumber. Each set should have a different magicnumber. In theory, if magicnumber is the same but it's a different symbol, it won't cause any issues, but best to simply apply this practice to every set.
- b) Set the correct symbol in the ForceSymbol parameter. Here you must set the EXACT name of the symbol of market you will be trading with that set files. So if your broker uses XAUUSD.ecn instead of XAUUSD, you must adjust it in the set files! Especially for Indices, these symbol names can be very different for each broker
- c) Determine the correct "max historical drawdown" value (per 0.01lots, in \$) and fill it in into that parameter
- d) Make sure that no "timing" parameter (like entry timing, or timeframe to use) is left at "current". Set it to the correct timeframe (H1, M5, or whatever)
- e) Set your lotsize settings for that set file (if you want individual settings per strategy)
- f) Make sure there are no parameters are missing in the set files (easiest way to do this, is by simply loading your old setfile into version 5.0, and saving it again)

In our Discord community, there is a great tool available to easily adjust set files together. This tool is also included in the UBS zip file containing all the set files (setfile-editor.html). Make sure you are using a set file saved in Version 5.0 in order to have all parameters visible in this editor!

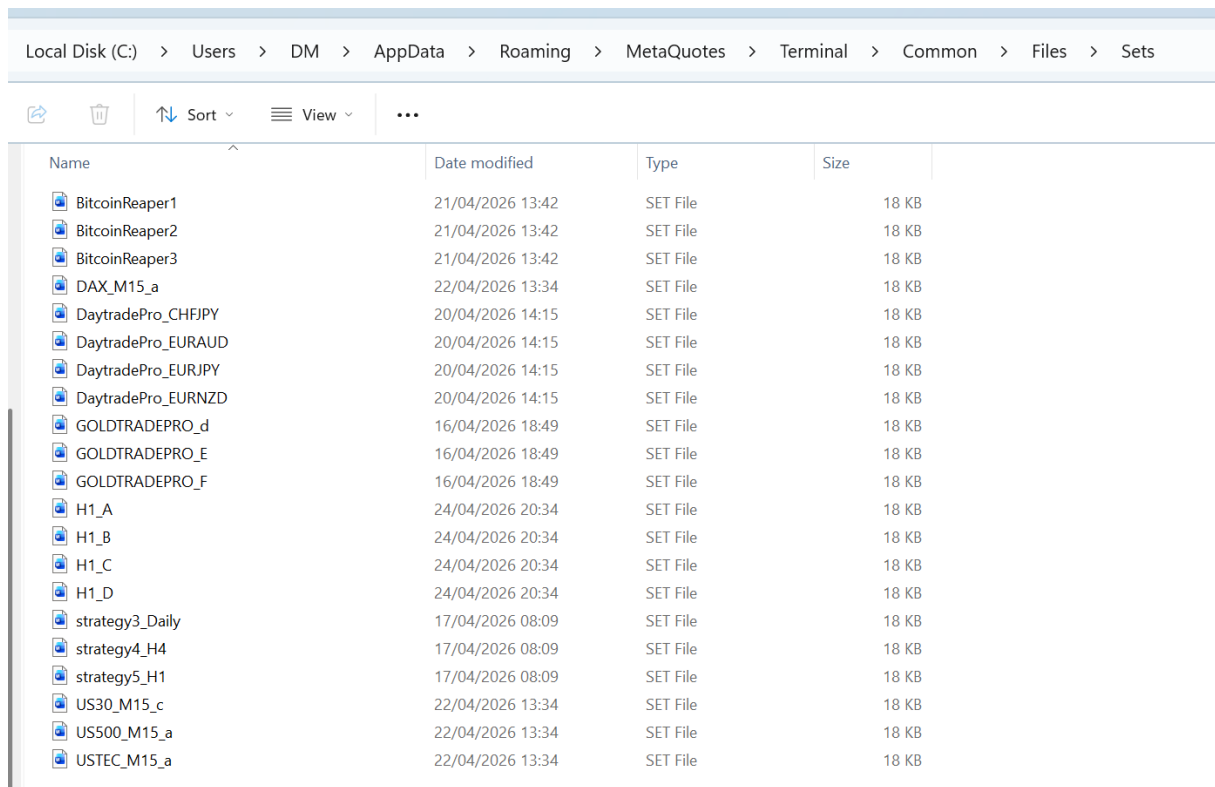
When you have all the strategies ready, and correctly formatted, you need to place them in the correct folder so that the EA can find them. This folder is located in your MT5's data folder. The easiest way to go there, is by going to your MT5 -> File -> open data folder. From there, you go one folder up, to the "terminal" folder.



Once there, go to “common -> Files”. In this folder, you create a folder called “Sets”



And in this folder “Sets”, you put all the set files that you want to run together:



Now all set files are ready to go!

Now, to enable the OneChartSetup, go to the EA's parameters, and enable the "AutoLoad" function.

AutoLoad Set Files (OneChartSetup)	
UseAutoLoader	true
Folder with .set files (MQL5\Files\Sets)	Sets
Override Autoload Lotsize Settings	false
Override Autoload Newsfilter settings	false
Override Autoload Trading Time settings	false

There are some other parameters you can set, for changing the folder where your set files are in, and override parameters, when you want to use the same lotsize settings, news filter or trade time settings for all sets in one go.

When you launch the EA, you will see a nice infopanel, showing an overview of all strategies that will be run, including important data for each one:

Ultimate Breakout System v5.0							
EA developed by Profalgo LTD 2025							
Running the following strategies:							
Set Name	Symbol	TimeFrame	Magic	Comment	Lot Method	Lotsize	PnL
Sets\BitcoinReaper1.set	BTCUSD	H1	4501	Bitcoin Reaper 1	Fixed Lotsize	0.11	111.80
Sets\BitcoinReaper2.set	BTCUSD	H1	4502	Bitcoin Reaper 2	Fixed Lotsize	0.11	-14.45
Sets\BitcoinReaper3.set	BTCUSD	H1	4503	Bitcoin Reaper 3	Fixed Lotsize	0.11	-9.63
Sets\BitcoinReaper4.set	BTCUSD	H1	4504	Bitcoin Reaper 4	Fixed Lotsize	0.11	-7.05
Sets\DAX_M15_f.set	DE40	M15	6503	DAX_M15_f	Fixed Lotsize	0.10	7.49
Sets\DaytradePro_AUDJPY.set	AUDJPY	Daily	50501	DaytradePro_AUDJPY	Fixed Lotsize	0.01	0.00
Sets\DaytradePro_AUDUSD.set	AUDUSD	Daily	50502	DaytradePro_AUDUSD	Fixed Lotsize	0.01	0.00
Sets\DaytradePro_CHFJPY.set	CHFJPY	Daily	50503	DaytradePro_CHFJPY	Fixed Lotsize	0.01	0.00
Sets\DaytradePro_EURUSD.set	EURUSD	Daily	50507	DaytradePro_EURUSD	Fixed Lotsize	0.01	0.00
Sets\DaytradePro_GBPJPY.set	GBPJPY	Daily	50508	DaytradePro_GBPJPY	Fixed Lotsize	0.01	0.00
Sets\strategy3_Daily.set	XAUUSD	Daily	2003	Gold Reaper 3	Fixed Lotsize	0.04	0.00
Sets\strategy4_H4.set	XAUUSD	H4	2004	Gold Reaper 4	Fixed Lotsize	0.03	0.00
Sets\strategy5_H1.set	XAUUSD	H1	2005	Gold Reaper 5	Fixed Lotsize	0.05	0.00
Sets\US30_M15_c.set	US30	M15	6504	US30_M15_c	Fixed Lotsize	0.10	0.00
Sets\US30_M15_f.set	US30	M15	6505	US30_M15_f	Fixed Lotsize	0.10	0.00
Sets\US30_M15_h.set	US30	M15	6506	US30_M15_h	Fixed Lotsize	0.10	0.00
Sets\US500_M15_a.set	US500	M15	6507	US500_M15_a	Fixed Lotsize	0.40	0.00
Sets\US500_M15_c.set	US500	M15	6508	US500_M15_c	Fixed Lotsize	0.40	0.00

The recommended way to run portfolios, is to simple set a fixed Max Risk Per Strategy for each strategy. You can easily do this by overriding the AutoLoad Lotsize settings, and then setting the lotsize settings as below:

LotSize Settings	
Force Fixed Manual Balance	0.0
Adjust lotsize if balance changes X percent	5.0
Adjust lotsize to Variable Values	false
Risk	use Max Risk Per Strategy
manual lotsize	0.01
Max Risk Per Trade (%)	0.0
Max Risk per Trade in \$/€/...	100.0
LotsizeStep	500.0
MaxRiskPerStrategy_Value	2.0
max historical drawdown(in \$) at 0.01lots	0.0
maximum lotsize per trade	99.0
Use Equity Instead of Balance	false
OnlyUp	true
CheckMargin	true

Some of the lotsize settings can NOT be overridden:

- Adjust Lotsize To Variable Values -> this will only override when you set it to “false”. If you set it to true, it will take over the value of the set file
- Max Historical Drawdown (in \$) at 0.01lots

The reason why they can’t be overridden, is because they are unique for each set, and it makes no sense in making them global.

With the new setup that we just did, the infopanel will look like this:

Ultimate Breakout System v5.0							
EA developed by Profalgo LTD 2025							
Running the following strategies:							
Set Name	Symbol	TimeFrame	Magic	Comment	Lot Method	Lotsize	PnL
Sets\BitcoinReaper1.set	BTCUSD	H1	4501	Bitcoin Reaper 1	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.37	376.05
Sets\BitcoinReaper2.set	BTCUSD	H1	4502	Bitcoin Reaper 2	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.50	-65.67
Sets\BitcoinReaper3.set	BTCUSD	H1	4503	Bitcoin Reaper 3	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.40	-35.02
Sets\BitcoinReaper4.set	BTCUSD	H1	4504	Bitcoin Reaper 4	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.07	-4.47
Sets\DAX_M15_f.set	DE40	M15	6503	DAX_M15_f	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	1.30	97.38
Sets\DaytradePro_AUDJPY.set	AUDJPY	Daily	50501	DaytradePro_AUDJPY	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.14	0.00
Sets\DaytradePro_AUDUSD.set	AUDUSD	Daily	50502	DaytradePro_AUDUSD	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.28	0.00
Sets\DaytradePro_CHFJPY.set	CHFJPY	Daily	50503	DaytradePro_CHFJPY	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.09	0.00
Sets\DaytradePro_EURUSD.set	EURUSD	Daily	50507	DaytradePro_EURUSD	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.13	0.00
Sets\DaytradePro_GBPJPY.set	GBPJPY	Daily	50508	DaytradePro_GBPJPY	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.19	0.00
Sets\strategy3_Daily.set	XAUUSD	Daily	2003	Gold Reaper 3	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.57	0.00
Sets\strategy4_H4.set	XAUUSD	H4	2004	Gold Reaper 4	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.38	0.00
Sets\strategy5_H1.set	XAUUSD	H1	2005	Gold Reaper 5	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	0.18	0.00
Sets\US30_M15_c.set	US30	M15	6504	US30_M15_c	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	1.40	0.00
Sets\US30_M15_f.set	US30	M15	6505	US30_M15_f	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	1.60	0.00
Sets\US30_M15_h.set	US30	M15	6506	US30_M15_h	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	2.20	0.00
Sets\US500_M15_a.set	US500	M15	6507	US500_M15_a	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	1.50	0.00
Sets\US500_M15_c.set	US500	M15	6508	US500_M15_c	MaxRiskStrat(2.00%)	1.80	0.00

Where we have a nice overview of each strategy.

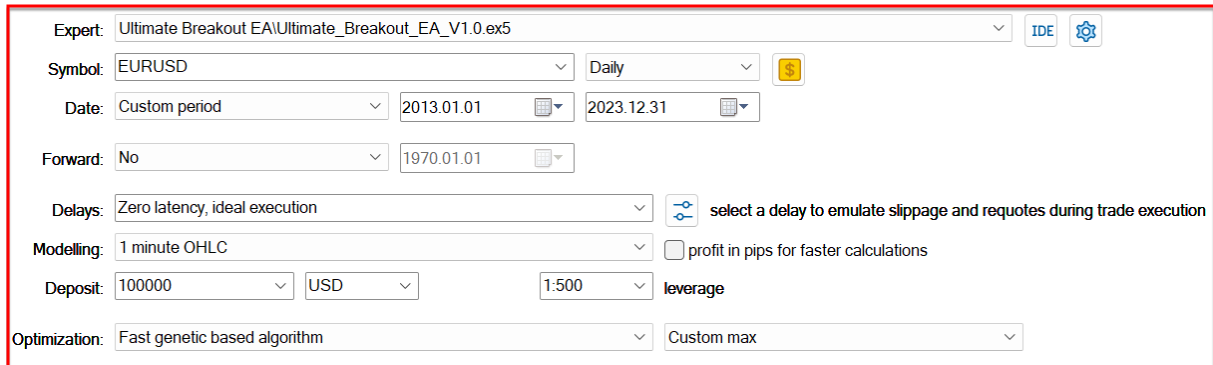
I have created a nice 30-strategy portfolio already which you can check out here:

https://www.mql5.com/en/market/product/133653/comments/page5#comment_59937684

Your First Optimization

The main feature of this EA, is ofcourse the ability to create your own strategies, so let's get to it!

First things first: Setting up the strategy tester



Expert: Ultimate Breakout EA\Ultimate_Breakout_EA_V1.0.ex5

Symbol: EURUSD

Date: Custom period 2013.01.01 2023.12.31

Forward: No 1970.01.01

Delays: Zero latency, ideal execution

Modelling: 1 minute OHLC

Deposit: 100000 USD 1:500 leverage

Optimization: Fast genetic based algorithm Custom max

As the picture shows, this is how I like to run most of my initial optimizations.

Date: custom period from 2013 till 2023.

Why? This is a 10 year period, which is sufficient to get some valid strategies, which we can then run on the out-of-sample data (from 2000->2012 and from 2024-2025), to confirm their robustness.

To me, this is one of the most important things to do, for increasing the probability of having a strategy that will work on future markets. We need to know how the strategy runs on unknown markets.

You can play around with the custom periods, to create different strategies. For example you could run an optimization from 2010->2020, and then use 2020-2025 for out of sample period. Different periods will create different strategies.

Forward testing: I don't use this option, because it will force the optimization process to push towards strategies that perform well in-sample and out-of-sample, and will basically result in the same as if you would optimize the full period of in-sample and out-of-sample. I prefer doing a in-sample optimization first, and then using those results to manually test out-of-sample.

Delays: I don't use it for optimization, and rarely for stress testing either. The EA uses pending orders, and delaying the pending order doesn't make any difference to the execution of that pending order.

Modeling: I mostly use 1 minute OHLC quality of modelling when trying to find swing strategies. When trying to make scalping strategies, I would use “every tick using real ticks”, but on a shorter period (ex. 2020-2023). For swing systems, it’s important that you set your parameters for minimum stoploss, takeprofit, trailingSL etc values not too small in pip values. That way, the backtest using 1Minute OHLC will look in line with the “every tick using real ticks” backtest. This is no guarantee yet, so I always run a “check” on a shorter period of time. For example, if I find good strategy parameters on 1Minute OHLC, I would then first run a 2024-2025 backtest on both 1Minute OHLC and Every tick using real ticks, and compare both. They should look more or less the same. That doesn’t mean that the exact value for profits will be the same, but the shape of the growth curve should, and they should ofcourse both be profitable. This is just to confirm that the 1Minute OHLC backtest will be good enough for further testing on that strategy. And only after that validation, I will start doing my out-of-sample testing on the earlier periods (like 2000-2012), using only 1Minute OHLC. Because we now validated that the strategy is reliable to be tested on 1Minute OHLC modelling.

Deposit: I usually set the deposit to 100K. Simply because I don’t want any margin problems etc to affect the trades in the backtest. And I want to compare the profit and drawdown in \$ for each strategy at a fixed lotsize of 0.01lots. I always run my optimizations at 0.01lots (or minimum but anyways “fixed” lotsize). This is because it will make comparing strategies much easier. Your growth curve won’t become some exponential looking curve that doesn’t show the longterm stability. If we know profits and drawdown at 0.01lots, we can easily determine the risk, minimum account balance, and we can easily combine strategies in Quant Analyser for making uncorrelated portfolio’s. This would all be much harder if you use automated lotsize that increases when the account grows. So the deposit size doesn’t really matter, but I make it big enough that it won’t affect the trades in any way.

Optimization: I set this to “fast generic based algorithm”. It will go much faster then trying to do a slow complete (every possible combination) optimization. Also, if you are going to use the MQL5 Cloud for optimization (which I highly recommend to speed up the process), this will cost a lot less, then when using the slow complete optimization. Only after the initial optimization is done, and I want to fine tune some strategies, I will use the slow complete optimization. But usually only when I’m optimizing maximum 2 parameters at the same time (like SL and TP). Because the fast generic one, might have skipped some of the better values for some parameters. Don’t try to over-optimize every parameter. It will lead to a strategy that looks perfect in backtest, but live it will have much bigger drawdowns and less profit than the over-optimized performance in the past. I like more “rough” strategies, when not all is perfect, but at least I know that live should be in line.

Optimization criteria: this is the setting next to the optimization, which is set to “Balance Max” by default. That means that the optimization process will try to go for strategies that have the biggest balance at the end of each test. I sometimes use that one, but usually I use either “recovery factor max”, or “custom max”. Recovery max, will select those strategies that have a good risk/reward. Strategies that recover fast after drawdown. This usually means a nice average profit per trade as well. I like this, because I noticed that using this for optimization, it usually leads to strategies that are not sensitive to spread and slippage, which we prefer ofcourse. Using the “Balance Max” can sometimes lead the optimization process in the direction of strategies that have 1 or 2 huge wins in the backtest, but not a stable growth curve overall. You want your results to be as symmetrical as possible over the multiple years of the test. Not “1 year making almost all the profits”, and the other years very low or in loss. The risk with using “recovery max”, is that it might push forward results that have very few trades. And we need a good sample size of trades to be able to trust the strategy. So the option I’m using the most lately, is the “custom Max” option. This option will use a parameter, which I programmed into the EA myself. It will basically look at 3 things: Number of trades, Recovery Factor and Expected Payoff. These 3 are parameters in the EA (see parameter list in this manual).

So why these 3?

- ➔ Number of trades: because we don’t want strategies that have very few trades in the backtest. Because that would make it much more unpredictable on how the strategies would work in the future.
- ➔ Recovery factor for the reasons mentioned above
- ➔ Expected Payoff, because the bigger this value, the more it will become unsensitive to pricefeed in my experience. I have filled in values for these 3 already in my optimization set files, which I think are a good minimum value for each for the strategies. But you can play around with them. (If you enter value “0” that parameter won’t be used to exclude results if they are below the threshold, but the expected payoff value will still be used for calculation of the “custom Max” results)

Setting the parameters in the EA for optimization (Breakout of support and resistance):

The best way to start, is using the optimizations-set files that you will have received from me after purchase. These are the ones that I actually used for creating my breakout systems on MQL5. So you'll have optimization-set files for different markets already: Gold, Forex and Indices.

These set files already have good ranges set up for the parameters (for example a stoploss between 30 and 300 pips range). This is important, because when you use bad ranges, it will probably lead to strategies that will look good in backtest, but won't work on live accounts. For example, having a 2 pip stoploss might work well in backtest, but live, the slippage will kill the strategy. So it's good to really think about the ranges you will be using for each parameter, depending on the market and timeframe. You can use my optimization sets as guideline, but ofcourse, ideally you make your own optimization set files with your own approach to have the most unique trading strategies.

All the parameters are explained in the end of the manual, but I will give an overview here below of each "parameter-block", explaining what their main function is, and how to use them, or when not use them during the optimization process.

Variable	Value
☐ ShowInfoPanel	true
☐ update infopanel during testing	false
☐ Adjustment for Infopanel size	1.0

These parameters have only a visual function and are related to the infopanel that shows some information when running the EA on a chart. No use for the optimization process

☒ - - -	----- custom optimization settings ----	
☐ expected payoff	0.0	0.0
☐ recovery factor	0.0	0.0
☐ number of trades	0.0	0.0

The Custom Optimization Settings: These are used, when using the "custom max" as optimization criteria in the strategy tester settings. At value "0", they won't be used. By using them, you will order the strategy optimization process, to filter out and rank strategies based on these 3 parameters. You can set the minimum expected payoff, the minimum recovery factor, and the minimum number of trades you want your test results to have. They will also be ranked using all 3, where the recovery factor has the most weight for the ranking (because I believe it is one of the most important criteria for a good strategy).

☒ - - -	----- spread filter ----	
☐ SpreadFilter	false	
☐ MaxSpread	3.0	
☐ DistForSpreadFilter	2	

Spread filter settings: these can be used to filter out trades based on spread. I don't use this during my optimization process, and I prefer to have no spread filter for initial optimizations. When trying to make scalping strategies, it might have more use.

☒ ---	----- other filters -----
☐ Set SL/TP after entry	false
☐ use virtual expiration	true
☐ Use Virtual SL	OFF
☐ hard SL distance when using virtual SL	0.0
☐ Move hard SL to virtual SL after X seconds;	0

The “other filters”: these are more interesting for using during real trading, and not optimization process. (description in the parameter list further down in this manual)

☒ - - -	----- Variable Values settings -----	
☐ Default ATR value	0.0	0.0
☐ ATR Period	30	30
☐ ATR Timeframe	1 Day	current
☐ default price for calculation	0.0	0.0

The Variable Values settings: one of the features that makes my product stand out I believe. These parameters can be used for markets that have a tendency to continuously reach higher prices over the years. For example: Gold, Indices, Bitcoin etc. Using these will make all entry and exit variables (like stoploss, takeprofit, trailingSL etc...) correlated with the ATR or to the actual price (in relation to the “default price” which can be chosen here). Values “0” means disabled. And “ATR” will override “default price”. So if you want to use the actual price of the market compared to default price for adjusting exit values, you must disable the ATR option (with value “0”). To give you an easy example: Let’s say we are optimizing GOLD, and we set “default price for calculation” to “2000”, and a stoploss value to “1000”. That means that the EA will automatically adjust the stoploss to 2000 if GOLD price is at 4000 in the future.

☒ - - -	----- Trade Entry management -----	
☐ AllowBuyTrades	true	false
☐ AllowSellTrades	true	false
☐ Timeframe to use	current	current
☐ Entry Timing (when to check for new signals)	1 Hour	current
☐ number of inferior candles to the LEFT of High/Low	2	2
☐ number of inferior candles to the RIGHT of High/Low	6	6
☐ max candles in history to look at	50	50
☐ minimum distance away from High/Low	13.0	13.0
☐ minimum distance away in percentage	0.0	0.0
☐ Extra pips above High for entry	2.0	2.0
☐ Extra pips below Low for entry	3.0	3.0
☐ Maximum number of pending orders	1	1
☐ max number of open trades	1	1
☐ Minimum distance between orders	1.0	1.0
☐ expiration time(in hours) for pending orders	155	155
☐ Magicnumber	1000	1000
☒ Comment for trades	Ultimate Breakout System	

Trade Entry Management: These parameters will be used to determine how the support and resistance levels will be calculated, including which timeframe and which timing should be used for the calculation. But also, how long orders will last before being deleted, how many trades and pending orders should be set, distance between orders. A lot of these parameters are important in the optimization process, to create distinct strategies.

The basic idea of identifying a support and resistance level, is that it should stick out from the candles around it. So, for example, a support level is based on a recent low on the chart. That low must have at least X candles to the left of it, that have higher lows, and at least Y candles to the right of it, that

have higher lows as well. Also, the price must be X pips above that support level, before a pending order is place. We also get to chose where exactly the pending order should be place (X pips above of below the level). And we will also determine how many historical candles will be used for finding these levels. It's good to think about, and look on a chart, to determine which values would be logical. Ofcourse, in my set files, I have already done that, so they can be used straight out of the box. But I believe it's important to understand how the system works, as it will lead to better strategies or to easier correcting existing strategies.

☒ - - -	----- Trade Exit settings -----	
☐ Period to check/modify SL/TP	1 Minute	current
☐ check every tick	true	false
☐ initial stoploss distance	175.0	175.0
☐ initial takeprofit distance	120.0	120.0

The Trade Exit Settings: These include the timing for checking when to modify SL, TP and trailingSL options. Also in this block, we can set initial SL and TP of trades. These are ofcourse important to include in optimizations. Keep in mind, that when using the “variable values” settings, these 2 will also be automatically adjust, either to current ATR compared to ATR value set in the “variable values”, or to the relation between current price and “default value” set in the variable values block.

☒ - - -	----- Trailing SL management -----	
☐ Trail SL distance	100.0	100.0
☐ Trail SL start distance	160.0	100.0
☐ Trail SL stop distance	100000.0	100000.0
☐ Trail SL step size	0.4	0.4
☒ - - -	----- Trailing TP management -----	
☐ Trail TP distance	0.0	200.0
☐ Trail TP start distance	0.0	160.0
☒ - - -	----- Break-even SL management -----	
☐ Breakeven start distance	115.0	115.0
☐ Breakeven extra distance	115.0	115.0

TrailingSL, TrailingTP and Break-Even SL management: These are obvious, and control the modification of SL and TP as price moves in the good or bad direction after the trade was triggered.

Also, these values will be adjusted automatically when using the variable values.

These parameters are most of the time included in my initial optimization process. Though sometimes, I only include TrailingSL for example, and then optimize the other 2 afterwards, when I already have some strategies that seem solid.

☒ - - -	----- HIGH/LOW Trailing SL settings -----	
☐ Use only until break-even	false	false
☐ Exit_HL_trailingSL_timeframe	current	current
☐ number of candles to use	0	0
☐ number of inferior candles to the LEFT of High/Low	0	0
☐ number of inferior candles to the RIGHT of High/Low	0	0
☐ minimum distance to current price	0	0
☐ minimum distance to last SL	0	0
☐ extra pips distance from HIGH/LOW	0.0	0.0

HIGH/LOW Trailing SL settings: This is a different type of trailingSL. The EA will determine recent support and resistance levels, using these parameters, and it will trail the SL based on those levels. So in an uptrend, it might be interesting to trail the SL to a recent support level. Or, in a downtrend to a recent resistance level. I normally do not include these in my initial optimization, but rather check if they can add stability to my first batch of strategies that I make from my initial optimization.

☒ - - -	----- recovery Trailing SL based on time -----	
☐ Trail SL start after X minutes	0.0	0.0
☐ Trail SL Distance	0.0	0.0

Recovery Trailing SL based on time: this will start a separate trailingSL, X minutes after the trade is entered. I don't use this one personally

☒ - - -	----- MagicTrail SL settings -----	
☐ MagicTrail mode	OFF	OFF
☐ Start of Magictrail (in pips)	0.1	0.1
☐ number of ticks before modifications	1	1
☐ pip movement of magictrail	0.1	0.1
☐ extra pips for breakeven stop	1.0	1.0
☐ minutes of time delayed magictrail	0	0
☐ start distance of time delayed magictrail	0.0	0.0

The MagicTrail SL Settings: These are interesting when developing scalping systems. It's a very aggressive trailing SL, which will basically move the SL X pips closer to the price, with every Y ticks. Regardless if price moves up or down. So, SL will move a bit closer as price moves. I don't often use this during optimization (surely not for swing system), as it requires "every tick using real ticks" to really see the effect of it. This trailingSL option I normally activate on decent scalping strategies, to see if I can improve it even more with this option.

☐ ---	----- LotSize Settings -----
☐ Force Fixed Manual Balance	0.0
☐ Adjust lotsize if balance changes X percent	5.0
☐ Adjust lotsize to Variable Values	true
☐ Risk	Manual Lotsize
☐ manual lotsize	0.1
☐ Max Risk Per Trade (%)	0.0
☐ Max Risk per Trade in \$/€/...	100.0
☐ LotsizeStep	500.0
☐ MaxRiskPerStrategy_Value	2.0
☐ max historical drawdown(in \$) at 0.01lots	0.0
☐ maximum lotsize per trade	99.0
☐ Use Equity Instead of Balance	false
☐ OnlyUp	true
☐ CheckMargin	true

Lotsize Settings: for optimization process, I only use FIXED lotsize (manual lotsize), at minimum lotsize of 0.01lots for forex pairs. The reason being that it will make the process of comparing strategies much easier. I like to know what the drawdown and profits are in \$ value, at this lotsize. So, for example, if a strategy has a 200\$ max drawdown at 0,01lots, I know that I need to run at 0,01lots on a 2000\$ account to keep drawdown below 10%. I don't use the lotsize settings during my optimization process. If you are optimizing for markets that go up over time, like Gold, Indices, Bitcoin, it's recommended to set a fixed lotsize to 0.1lots, BUT enable "Adjust Lotsize to Variable Values". And then, after the optimization, divide the max historical drawdown from the backtest, by 10 (to link it to 0.01lots)

☒ ---	----- GMT settings -----
☐ Broker_GMT_OFFSET_Summer	3
☐ Broker_GMT_OFFSET_Winter	2
☐ AutoGMT	true
☒ ---	----- NFP Filter -----
☐ EnableNFP_Filter	false
☐ NFP_CloseOpenTrades	true
☐ NFP_ClosePendingOrders	true
☐ NFP_MinutesBefore	50
☐ NFP_MinutesAfter	30
☒ ---	----- Interest Rate Filter -----
☐ EnableIR_Filter	false
☐ IR_CloseOpenTrades	true
☐ IR_ClosePendingOrders	true
☐ IR_MinutesBefore	60
☐ IR_MinutesAfter	120
☒ ---	----- CPI Filter -----
☐ EnableCPI_Filter	false
☐ CPI_CloseOpenTrades	true
☐ CPI_ClosePendingOrders	true
☐ CPI_MinutesBefore	60
☐ CPI_MinutesAfter	120

GMT settings and news filters: Not used during optimization process, but I do check to see the impact of them on the strategies that came out of my optimizations. We want it to have as little as possible negative impact on the performance of the strategy, because else it would mean that the profits from the strategy are based on the movements around these news events. And there is a big chance that live trading will be different, since these events can cause big slippage which isn't affecting our backtests.

☒ - - -	----- Trading hours
☐ UseTradingTimeZones	false
☐ KillPending	true
☐ KillOpen	false
☐ Time_Source	Broker
Monday Trading Time	
☒ Monday Start Time	00:00
☒ Monday End Time	23:59
Tuesday Trading Time	
☒ Tuesday Start Time	00:00
☒ Tuesday End Time	23:59
Wednesday Trading Time	
☒ Wednesday Start Time	00:00
☒ Wednesday End Time	23:59
Thursday Trading Time	
☒ Thursday Start Time	00:00
☒ Thursday End Time	23:59
Friday Trading Time	
☒ Friday Start Time	00:00
☒ Friday End Time	23:59
Saturday Trading Time	
☒ Saturday Start Time	00:00
☒ Saturday End Time	23:59
Sunday Trading Time	
☒ Sunday Start Time	00:00
☒ Sunday End Time	23:59

Trading hours: These can be used to have the EA trade only between certain moments of the day. I don't use these parameters often, and not during optimizations (unless you might have a specific intraday strategy in mind ofcourse, that requires these).

Optimization of the Volatility Breakout System:

All exit optimization settings can remain the same as with the breakout of support and resistance

For entry optimization, we can use the setting like below:

☐ Timeframe to monitor	1 Hour
☐ number of Candles to Monitor	1
☒ Minimum Candle Size (pips)	9800
☒ ATR Period	12
☐ ATR Timeframe	1 Hour
☒ Deviation factor (candle size compared to ATR)	1.6
☒ Max number of open trades	1

I would keep the the Timeframe to monitor and ATR timeframe in the beginning the same. That's the most logical. Also, number of candles to monitor, I would keep at 1 at the start.

The minimum candle size depends on the market you are optimizing for, but for example on EURUSD, I would use values from 20 to 70 pips, with steps of 5

ATR Period: from 5 to 50, steps of 1

Deviation factor: from 1.5 to 3.5, steps 0.1

Max number of open trades: I would keep at 1 to start

Running the optimization

Now it is time to start the first optimization process!

The overall process of finding a strategy that I will use on live accounts can be summarized like this:

- Run the optimization process on a bigger period (for example 2013-2023), using 1M OHLC for modelling
- Run a 2024-2025 backtest using “every tick using real ticks” as a first out-of-sample test, which will also confirm if the 1M OHLC modelling is good enough for further processing of the strategy
- Run another out-of-sample test on a bigger period (2000-2013). This should be quite in line with the optimized period’s performance.
- You could also first do the 2000-2013 out of sample test and then the 2024-2025 real tick test... whatever feels more logical to you.
- Run specific further optimizations on individual parameters (for example: stoploss and takeprofit, Break-even settings, Trailing TP settings.
- Redo out of sample and “every tick using real ticks” stress tests
- Optional: run other stress tests, like different symbol, timeframe, changing up some parameters
- Save the strategy and do the same for the next one.
- Compare all final strategy in Quant Analyzer and make final decision on which one are the best ones to use on demo/live trading

I personally always use the MQL5 Cloud service for running optimizations, since it will greatly improve the speed in which you will get your results.

You can enable them by going to the “agents” tab, right clicking in it, and enabling the MQL5 Cloud network.

Strategy Tester

Agent	Hardware
> Local: 20 cores	
> Local Network Farm	
▼ MQL5 Cloud Network: 17 388 million tasks processed, 26 848 agents available	
☀ MQL5 Cloud Europe 2: 10 gbit	14644 agents available of 14659
☀ MQL5 Cloud Europe 3: 10 gbit	4084 agents available of 4084
☀ MQL5 Cloud USA 1: 10 gbit	7921 agents available of 8105

Select

Use Local Agents

Use Local Network Farm

☒ Use MQL5 Cloud Network

+ Add

⚙ Edit

✕ Delete

✔ Enable

⛔ Disable

✔ Import

🔗 Export

✔ Auto Arrange

✔ Grid

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Overview | Settings | Inputs | Backtest | Graph | Optimization Results | **Agents** | Journal

Now press “start” in the “Settings” Tab and let the process run till the end

Strategy Tester

Expert: Ultimate Breakout EA\Ultimate_Breakout_EA_V1.0.ex5 IDE ⚙

Symbol: EURUSD ▼ Daily ▼ \$

Date: Custom period ▼ 2013.01.01 📅 2023.12.31 📅

Forward: No ▼ 1970.01.01 📅

Delays: Zero latency, ideal execution ▼ ⚙ select a delay to emulate slippage and requotes during trade execution

Modelling: 1 minute OHLC ▼ ☐ profit in pips for faster calculations

Deposit: 100000 ▼ USD ▼ 1:500 ▼ leverage

Optimization: Fast genetic based algorithm ▼ Custom max ▼

Overview | **Settings** | Inputs | Backtest | Graph | Optimization Results | Agents | Journal

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Once we have our results, I like to go through them and sort them in different ways and then run some tests on those that look interesting.

For example, I first simply sort on “results” column, as this uses the combined criteria parameters of the “custom max” parameters, which are the “recovery factor”, “Expected Payoff”, and “number of trades”. And then I will run some quick backtests on some of the top-ranking strategies (simply double click the optimization results). Just to see how the growth curve looks. We want a strategy that look linear in growth.

Then I will sort for example on “recovery rate” and/or “max drawdown”, as this will have a different ranking. And try to find some other interesting strategies. The idea is that we try to find different strategies that have a different growth curve. It makes no sense to collect only strategies that all look the same. We are trying to find strategies that can be used together in a portfolio. Because, that way, we’ll spread the risk and end up with a more stable growth curve overall.

It’s a good practice to run a backtest on a variety of different results from the optimization process. If you see something that you like, simply save the set file, and save the backtest result. These will be part of the first selection of strategies. Sometimes, I can easily find multiple interesting strategies from 1 optimization process, but sometimes I need to run several optimizations (using different values regarding for example optimization-period, timeframe, and enabling/disabling some of the parameters for optimizations).

Once you have found a bunch of strategies that are worth looking into, we’ll be doing some more extensive tests on these, including “every tick using real ticks” tests and out of sample tests.

“Every Tick using real ticks” test: once I found some results, that look good on my 2013-2023 (example) period, I will my first stress test on 2024-2025, using “every tick using real ticks”. Not only do I want to see if it is in line with longer period backtest, but I will also check and compare it with the “1Minute OHLC” test of that same period.

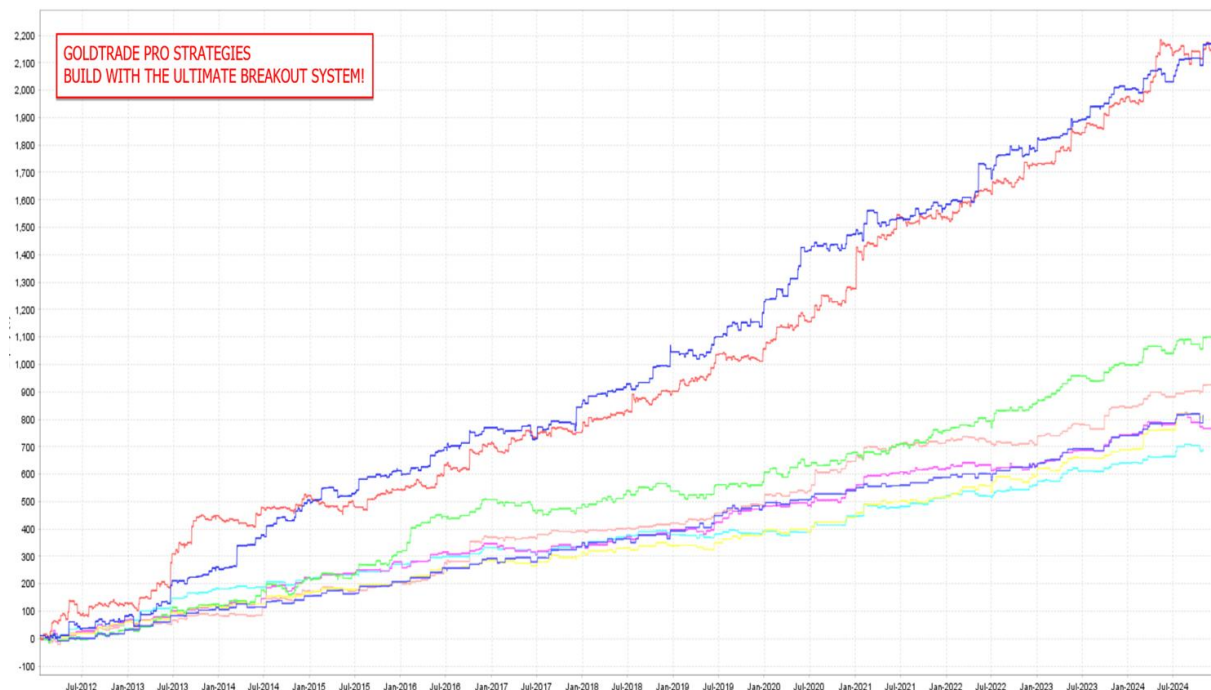
If it is comparable, I will assume that I can use 1Minute OHLC for doing more testing, including the 2000-2013 out of sample stress-test. This is to make sure that the strategy isn’t over-optimized for the 2013-2023 period.

Once this check has been done, I will often do some individual optimizations for some of the parameters. For example, I might run an optimization for the trailingSL options that I didn’t use yet, like the High/Low trailingSL. This is to see if I can reduce drawdown and/or increase profits for the strategy. I might also run an optimization again on other parameters, like SL/TP, trailing SL, or even some entry criteria. Just don’t run too many together in these re-optimizations, as it will create completely different results from your initial strategy.

After I did these individual optimizations, I will recheck the strategy with “every tick using real ticks” and also the out-of-sample stress test. Just to make sure it is still valid and didn’t become over-optimized.

At this point, I consider the strategy a valid one. So I will save it, and go on to the next one of my initial optimization results. Sometimes, I will do some extra stress tests, like running the strategy on a different market and/or timeframe. A working strategy on EURUSD for example, should not give absolutely horrible results on GBPUSD, as they are quite correlated currency pairs. The indices optimizations that I did for Indicement EA, for example, showed very good stability when doing cross-pair tests, which made me confident about their robustness.

So, after I did a bunch these “strategy creating” steps, I will load them all into Quant Analyzer, and compare them. Here I will make my final decision on which strategies I will use, and which ones I will discard. Some of them will look quite the same, so I will choose only one of those similar looking ones. Best case scenario, you have found some uncorrelated ones, that can be run together and create a smoother overall growth curve. This can be seen in my products like Goldtrade Pro for example, where the EA runs 8 strategies, all of which have a different growth curve. And this creates a more stable overall growth.



Next step would be, ideally, to do the entire process again on another market.

Once we have a bunch of strategies, for different markets, we can add them all together again in Quant Analyzer, and see how the portfolio would look like. Once you have a nice portfolio, you can start deploying them on a demo account (or live). The next few days/weeks, after deploying them, it is important to keep comparing the live trade results, with the backtest of that same period. This is to validate again, that the strategy is valid, and that the backtests can be trusted as a guideline of what to expect in live trading.

Parameter Description

Info Panel Settings

- **Show Info Panel**
 - **Default:** true
 - **Description:** Determines whether to display an information panel on the chart showing the EA's status, statistics, and performance metrics such as open profit/loss and total trades.
- **update infopanel during testing**
 - **Default:** false
 - **Description:** If set to true, updates the info panel during backtesting in the Strategy Tester. When false, the panel remains static during testing.
- **Adjustment for Infopanel size**
 - **Default:** 1
 - **Description:** Adjusts the size of the info panel. A value of 1 represents the default size, while values greater or less than 1 scale the panel proportionally.

----- Autoload Set Files (OneChartSetup) -----

- **UseAutoLoader**
 - **Default:** false
 - **Description:** Enable the AutoLoad function, which will run all set files (in the "common/files/sets" folder of the MT5), all from 1 chart
- **Folder with set files**
 - **Default:** Sets
 - **Description:** point to which exact folder in the "common/files/" folder is used for holding all the set files. By default it's set to "Sets" folder (which you still need to create if it's not in there yet).
- **Override AutoLoad Lotsize Settings**
 - **Default:** false
 - **Description:** if you enable this, the EA will override all the lotsize settings in the set files, with the parameters that you set in the inputs window (lotsize section). Only the "max historical drawdown" value will not be overridden. So then the EA will use these settings for ALL set files that were auto-loaded

- **Override AutoLoad Newfilter Settings**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* if you enable this, the EA will override all the news filter settings in the set files, with the parameters that you set in the inputs window (NFP, CPI, Interest Rate section). So then the EA will use these settings for ALL set files that were auto-loaded
- **Override AutoLoad Trading Time Settings**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* if you enable this, the EA will override all the trading time settings in the set files, with the parameters that you set in the inputs window (trading times section). So then the EA will use these settings for ALL set files that were auto-loaded
- **Override AutoLoad Prop Firm Settings**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* if you enable this, the EA will override all the prop firm settings in the set files, with the parameters that you set in the inputs window (prop firm section). So then the EA will use these settings for ALL set files that were auto-loaded

----- custom optimization settings -----

(these are only used when a “custom max” is selected for the optimization criteria)

- **expected payoff**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Sets the minimum expected payoff (average profit per trade) required for optimization. If the calculated payoff is below this value, the optimization result is discarded.
- **recovery factor**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Specifies the minimum recovery factor (profit divided by maximum drawdown) for optimization. Results below this threshold are rejected.
- **number of trades**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Defines the minimum number of trades required during optimization. If fewer trades occur, the result is considered invalid.

----- spread filter -----

- **SpreadFilter**
 - **Default:** false
 - **Description:** Enables or disables the spread filter. When true, the EA checks the current spread against MaxSpread before placing trades.
- **MaxSpread**
 - **Default:** 3.0
 - **Description:** Sets the maximum allowed spread (in pips) for trading. If the current spread exceeds this value and SpreadFilter is enabled, trading may be paused.
- **DistForSpreadFilter**
 - **Default:** 2
 - **Description:** Defines a distance factor (in pips) used in conjunction with the spread filter, so that pending orders are only deleted if price is closer than this to the pending order

----- other settings -----

- **ForceSymbol**
 - **Default:** none
 - **Description:** This is useful in combination with the “AutoLoad” function of the EA. Here you can set the exact symbol name that must be used for this particular set. You MUST set this if you are going to use the AutoLoader with multiple set files that use different symbols. If you leave it empty, the EA will use the symbol of the chart. You must fill in the exact name the broker uses for that symbol, including prefix or suffix!
- **Set SL/TP after entry**
 - **Default:** false
 - **Description:** When true, stop loss (SL) and take profit (TP) levels are set after a trade is opened rather than at the time of order placement. This is useful for some broker that don't allow a SL and/or TP on a pending order.
- **use virtual expiration**
 - **Default:** true
 - **Description:** Enables virtual expiration for pending orders. If true, expiration is managed internally by the EA rather than using the broker's expiration mechanism. This is useful for broker that don't allow an expiration date on pending orders.

- **ShowComments**
 - *Default:* Not specified
 - *Description:* sets the trade comment for the trades

Virtual Stop Loss Settings

- **Use Virtual SL**
 - *Default:* VSL_OFF
 - *Description:* Selects the mode for virtual stop loss:
 - VSL_OFF: Disables virtual stops.
 - VSL_BASIC: Uses a standard virtual stop loss.
 - VSL_ADV: Applies virtual stops to all trades except those at break-even.
- **hard SL distance when using virtual SL**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Sets the distance (in pips) for a hard stop loss when using virtual stops, providing a safety net beyond the virtual stop level.
- **Move hard SL to virtual SL after X seconds**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Specifies the delay (in seconds) after which the hard stop loss is moved to match the virtual stop loss level.
- **Run_Strategy**
 - *Default:* Breakout Support/Resistance
 - *Description:* Here you can choose which entry model to use:
 - Breakout of Support and Resistance
 - Volatility Breakout entry
 - Both will use the same Exit algorithms and parameters

----- Variable Values settings -----

- These are only interesting for markets that continue to grow in value over time. For example: Gold, Bitcoin, Indices, etc. Because the average price and price movements can greatly increase of the years with these markets, it's important that all parameters (like SL, TP, etc..) will adapt to the new characteristics of those markets over time.
- Default ATR value
 - *Default: 0*
 - *Description: Sets a default ATR value (in pips). If greater than 0, it's used to scale other distance-based parameters relative to the actual ATR.*
- ATR Period
 - *Default: 30*
 - *Description: Defines the period (number of candles) for calculating the ATR.*
- ATR Timeframe
 - *Default: PERIOD_D1 (Daily)*
 - *Description: Specifies the timeframe for ATR calculation (e.g., PERIOD_M1, PERIOD_H1, PERIOD_D1).*
- default price for calculation (recommended option to use)
 - *Default: 0*
 - *Description: Provides a default price value for scaling calculations if ATRDefault is not used. Typically compared against the daily open price. So if you do your Bitcoin Optimization for example, and set this value to "30000", that means that the EA will consider all parameters values from the optimization "linked" to 30000. So if bitcoin would be trading at 60000, all the parameters values will automatically be adjusted (X2 in this case).*

----- Volatility Breakout Entry -----

- **Timeframe to monitor**
 - **Default:** current
 - **Description:** determines which timeframe will be used for the candles and their size, to compare the “move in the market” with ATR (ATR can be from different timeframe)
- **Number of Candles to Monitor**
 - **Default:** 1
 - **Description:** You can set the number of candles to use for calculating the “move” in the market
- **Minimum candle size**
 - **Default:** 0
 - **Description:** sets a minimum size for the “move in the market” (the size of the candle(s))
- **ATR Period**
 - **Default:** 21
 - **Description:** the period of the ATR (how many candles to use for calculating its value)
- **ATR Timeframe**
 - **Default:** current
 - **Description:** which timeframe to use for ATR
- **Deviation factor**
 - **Default:** 2.4
 - **Description:** determines how much bigger the “move in the market” must be compared to the ATR, before entering a trade. For example in this case, the candle size must be 2.4 times the ATR value

- **Max number of open trades**
 - *Default:* 1
 - *Description:* How many trades can be open at the same time in the trade direction.

----- Breakout Support/Resistance Entry -----

- **AllowBuyTrades**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* Enables or disables buy trades
- **AllowSellTrades**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* Enables or disables sell trades
- **Timeframe to use**
 - *Default:* PERIOD_CURRENT
 - *Description:* Sets the timeframe for detecting recent highs and lows (e.g., PERIOD_M15, PERIOD_H1).
- **Entry Timing (when to check for new signals)**
 - *Default:* PERIOD_H1
 - *Description:* Defines the timeframe for checking new entry signals (e.g., PERIOD_M5, PERIOD_H1).
- **number of inferior candles to the LEFT of High/Low**
 - *Default:* 2
 - *Description:* Specifies the number of inferior candles to the left of a high/low to confirm its strength.
- **number of inferior candles to the RIGHT of High/Low**
 - *Default:* 6
 - *Description:* Specifies the number of inferior candles to the right of a high/low to confirm its strength.

- max candles in history to look at
 - *Default: 50*
 - *Description: Sets the maximum number of candles in history to look back for identifying highs and lows.*
- minimum distance away from High/Low
 - *Default: 13*
 - *Description: Defines the minimum distance (in pips) from the current price to the high/low for a valid entry.*
- minimum distance away in percentage
 - *Default: 0*
 - *Description: Sets the minimum distance as a percentage of the high/low level. If 0, the absolute distance is used.*
- Extra pips above High for entry
 - *Default: 2*
 - *Description: Adds extra pips above the high for buy entry placement.*
- Extra pips below Low for entry
 - *Default: 3*
 - *Description: Adds extra pips below the low for sell entry placement.*
- Maximum number of pending orders
 - *Default: 1*
 - *Description: Limits the maximum number of pending orders allowed*
- max number of open trades
 - *Default: 1*
 - *Description: Sets the maximum number of open trades allowed at any time.*
- Minimum distance between orders
 - *Default: 1*
 - *Description: Specifies the minimum distance (in pips) between consecutive orders.*
- expiration time(in hours) for pending orders
 - *Default: 155*
 - *Description: Sets the expiration time (in hours) for pending orders. If 0, no expiration is applied*

- **Magicnumber**
 - *Default:* 1000
 - *Description:* Assigns a unique magic number to trades opened by the EA for identification and management.
- **Comment for trades**
 - *Default:* "Ultimate Breakout System"
 - *Description:* Sets a comment for trades, useful for tracking and filtering in the terminal.

----- Trade Exit settings -----

- **Period to check/modify SL/TP**
 - *Default:* PERIOD_M1
 - *Description:* Defines the timeframe for checking and modifying stop loss and take profit levels (e.g., PERIOD_M1, PERIOD_H1).
- **check every tick**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* When true, the EA checks exit conditions on every tick rather than waiting for the Exit_Timing period.
- **initial stoploss distance**
 - *Default:* 175
 - *Description:* Sets the initial stop loss distance (in pips) for trades.
- **initial takeprofit distance**
 - *Default:* 120
 - *Description:* Sets the initial take profit distance (in pips) for trades.

----- Trailing SL management -----

- **Trail SL distance**
 - *Default:* 100
 - *Description:* Defines the trailing stop loss distance (in pips).
- **Trail SL start distance**
 - *Default:* 160
 - *Description:* Sets the distance (in pips) at which the trailing stop loss begins to activate.

- **Trail SL stop distance**
 - *Default:* 100000
 - *Description:* Specifies the maximum distance (in pips) from the entry price for the trailing stop loss to stop working, acting as a cap.
- **Trail SL step size**
 - *Default:* 0.4
 - *Description:* Sets the step size (in pips) by which the trailing stop loss moves as the price advances.

----- Trailing TP management -----

- **Trail TP distance**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Defines the trailing take profit distance (in pips). If 0, trailing TP is disabled.
- **Trail TP start distance**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Sets the distance (in pips) at which the trailing take profit begins.

----- Break-even SL management -----

- **Breakeven start distance**
 - *Default:* 115
 - *Description:* Specifies the distance (in pips) at which the stop loss is moved to break-even.
- **Breakeven extra distance**
 - *Default:* 115
 - *Description:* Adds extra pips beyond the break-even point for additional profit protection.

----- HIGH/LOW Trailing SL settings -----

- **Use only until break-even**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* When true, the high/low trailing stop is used only until the trade reaches break-even.

- **Exit_HL_trailingSL_timeframe**
 - *Default:* PERIOD_CURRENT
 - *Description:* Sets the timeframe for calculating highs and lows for the trailing stop (e.g., PERIOD_H1, PERIOD_D1).
- **number of candles to use**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Defines the number of candles to look back for high/low calculation. If 0, the High/Low trailingSL function is disabled.
- **number of inferior candles to the LEFT of High/Low**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Specifies the number of inferior candles to the left of the high/low for strength confirmation.
- **number of inferior candles to the RIGHT of High/Low**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Specifies the number of inferior candles to the right of the high/low for strength confirmation.
- **minimum distance to current price**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Sets the minimum distance (in pips) from the current price to the trailing stop level.
- **minimum distance to last SL**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Defines the minimum distance (in pips) required to update the trailing stop from its previous level.
- **extra pips distance from HIGH/LOW**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Adds extra pips beyond the high/low level for the trailing stop placement.

----- recovery Trailing SL based on time -----

- **Trail SL start after X minutes**
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Sets the time (in minutes) after which the trailing stop loss activates. If 0, this feature is disabled.

- **Trail SL Distance**
 - **Default:** 0
 - **Description:** Defines the trailing stop loss distance (in pips) for the time-based trailing stop.

----- MagicTrail SL settings -----

- **MagicTrail mode**
 - **Default:** ST1_MT_M_O (Off)
 - **Description:** Selects the MagicTrail mode:
 - ST1_MT_M_O: Off.
 - ST1_MT_M_F: Full trailing mode.
 - ST1_MT_M_B: Trailing until break-even.
- **Start of Magictrail (in pips)**
 - **Default:** 0.1
 - **Description:** Sets the starting distance (in pips) for the MagicTrail to be activated.
- **number of ticks before modifications**
 - **Default:** 1
 - **Description:** Specifies the number of ticks to wait before modifying the MagicTrail stop.
- **pip movement of magictrail**
 - **Default:** 0.1
 - **Description:** Defines the pip movement increment for the MagicTrail stop.
- **extra pips for breakeven stop**
 - **Default:** 1
 - **Description:** Adds extra pips beyond break-even when using the break-even mode of MagicTrail.
- **minutes of time delayed magictrail**
 - **Default:** 0
 - **Description:** Sets the delay (in minutes) for a time-adjusted MagicTrail stop. If 0, this adjustment is disabled.

- start distance of time delayed magictrail
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Defines the starting distance (in pips) for the time-adjusted MagicTrail stop.

----- Grid settings -----

- EnableGrid
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* will enable a grid system to follow up on losing trades. Make sure to adjust trailingSL, TrailingTP and other SL management function in order to make it work correctly. Remember: grid trading is much more risky!
- Grid Start distance in pips
 - *Default:* 50
 - *Description:* this is the distance from the original breakout trade, where the grid must start
- Grid step distance in pips
 - *Default:* 20
 - *Description:* this is the distance between each consecutive grid trade
- Grid Check Timeframe
 - *Default:* M15
 - *Description:* This will determine “when” the EA should check the grid algorithm. So it will determine the timing of the start, next trade and exit of the grid
- Total pips for TP
 - *Default:* 10
 - *Description:* The grid will close when the total sum of all pips for all trades exceeds this amount
- Total profit for TP
 - *Default:* 50
 - *Description:* The grid will close when the total amount of profit from the full grid exceeds this amount. A value between 0 and 1 would mean a percentage of the balance, so “0.1” would mean: close when equity is 10% more than the balance

- **Max loss for SL**
 - **Default:** 0
 - **Description:** the grid will close when the total amount of open loss from the grid will exceed this amount. A value between 0 and -1 would mean a percentage of the balance. So “-0.1” would mean: close grid when equity is 10% lower than the balance. (IMPORTANT: you must fill in a negative value, like “-1000”, or when using percentage “-0.1” for example)
- **Stop Trading at Grid Loss**
 - **Default:** false
 - **Description:** when the grid reaches the Max Loss value, and closes the grid, it will also completely stop the EA from trading any further (until it is relaunched again)
- **Grid Multiplier**
 - **Default:** 1
 - **Description:** this will add a multiplier to the lotsize of each new grid trade. So the next grid trade will be using a lotsize that is X times higher than the last one. For example, a multiplier of “2” on a initial trade with 0.01lots, will have the following lotsizes for the next grid trades: 0.02, 0.04, 0.08, 0.16 (martingale)

----- Prop Firm Settings -----

- **Close all trading/stop trading at min equity**
 - **Default:** 0
 - **Description:** will close all trades and stop trading if equity falls below this value. This can be used to prevent breaking the max total allowed drawdown of the prop firm account. Value “0” means disabled
- **Close all trading/stop trading at max equity**
 - **Default:** 0
 - **Description:** will close all trades and stop trading if equity exceeds this value. This can be used to max sure all open trades are closed when the target growth is reached, instead of risking equity to fall down again. Value “0” means disabled
- **Max Daily Drawdown**
 - **Default:** 0
 - **Description:** will close all trades and stop trading for the remainder of the day if the total equity drawdown of that day exceeds the Max Daily Drawdown. It takes in account all losses from that day (also from other systems/manual trades) and also the open equity drawdown

- **Max Randomization for entry and exit**
 - **Default:** 0
 - **Description:** Will add/subtract a random value in pips to entry and exit parameters for each trade. The value set in this parameter will be the maximum value (in pips) that will be added or subtracted. This can be useful when running the same strategy as other users on the same prop firm, to prevent “copy-trading” violations.

----- LotSize Settings -----

- **Force Fixed Manual Balance**
 - **Default:** 0
 - **Description:** will use this value as ‘balance’ to make all lotsize calculations. Value “0” means disabled
- **Adjust lotsize if balance changes X percent**
 - **Default:** 5
 - **Description:** Adjusts the lot size if the account balance changes by this percentage. Used in dynamic lot sizing.
- **Adjust lotsize to Variable Values**
 - **Default:** false
 - **Description:** When enabled, the lotsize will be adjusted when using Variable Values, so that the risk remains the same over the years. It will use the values set in the “Variable Values” for the calculation. It will only work when using manual lotsize or LotsizeStep
- **Risk**
 - **Default:** Manual_Lotsize
 - **Description:** Selects the risk calculation method:
 - **Manual_Lotsize:** Uses a fixed lot size (StartLots).
 - **Lots_Per_Balance:** Scales lots based on balance (LotsizeStep).
 - **Risk Per Trade (%):** Scales lots based on a max risk % per trade
 - **Risk Per Trade in \$/€/etc.:** Scales lots based on a max amount in currency value per trade (for example: Max 100\$ loss per trade)

- Use Max Risk Per Strategy: Scales lots based on the values of the Max Risk Per Strategy parameter, and the Max Historical Drawdown (in \$) per 0.01lots
- manual lotsize
 - *Default:* 0.01
 - *Description:* Sets the manual lot size when Risk is Manual_Lotsize.
- Max Risk Per Trade (%)
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Specifies the maximum risk percentage per trade when Risk is Risk per Trade based on %
- Max Risk Per Trade in \$/€/etc..
 - *Default:* 0
 - *Description:* Specifies the maximum risk in currency amount, per trade when Risk is Risk Per Trade in \$/€/etc..
- LotsizeStep
 - *Default:* 500
 - *Description:* Defines the balance step (in account currency) for increasing lot size when Risk is Lots_Per_Balance. For example: LotsizeStep=500 means that the EA will use 0.01lots per 500\$ balance. So an accountbalance of 3000\$ would have a lotsize = 0.06
- MaxRiskPerStrategy_Value
 - *Default:* 2
 - *Description:* Set the maximum risk for the current strategy, using the Max historical Drawdown as guideline, in order to keep the maximum potential TOTAL drawdown of the strategy below this value (in %)
- Max historical drawdown (in \$) per 0.01lots
 - *Default:* pre-filled per strategy
 - *Description:* if you calculated the maximum historical drawdown at 0.01lots (in \$), you can fill it in here, so that the lotsize calculation method “Max Risk Per Strategy” works correctly
- maximum lotsize per trade
 - *Default:* 99
 - *Description:* Sets the maximum lot size per trade, capping dynamic lot calculations.

- **Use Equity Instead of Balance**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* When true, uses account equity instead of balance for lot size calculations.
- **OnlyUp**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* When true, lot size only increases with balance/equity growth and does not decrease. (does not work when using Risk Per Trade or when using “variable values”).
- **Reset Highest Balance For OnlyUp**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* when OnlyUp is enabled the EA will save the max balance/equity value in a global parameter, so that if the EA or MT5 is restarted, it still remembers that value for lotsize calculation. But sometimes we want to reset that value (for example after a bigger withdrawal). You can reset it with this value.
- **CheckMargin**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* Enables margin checking before placing trades to ensure sufficient free margin.

----- GMT settings -----

- **Broker_GMT_OFFSET_Summer**
 - *Default:* 3
 - *Description:* Sets the broker’s GMT offset (in hours) during summer (DST).
- **Broker_GMT_OFFSET_Winter**
 - *Default:* 2
 - *Description:* Sets the broker’s GMT offset (in hours) during winter (non-DST).
- **AutoGMT**
 - *Default:* true

- **Description:** When true, automatically detects the GMT offset using an external source; otherwise, uses Broker_GMT_OFFSET_Summer or Broker_GMT_OFFSET_Winter.

----- NFP Filter -----

- **EnableNFP_Filter**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* Enables the NFP news filter to pause trading during specified times.
- **NFP_CloseOpenTrades**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* When true, closes open trades during the NFP filter period.
- **NFP_ClosePendingOrders**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* When true, deletes pending orders during the NFP filter period.
- **NFP_MinutesBefore**
 - *Default:* 50
 - *Description:* Sets the number of minutes before an NFP event to start the filter.
- **NFP_MinutesAfter**
 - *Default:* 30
 - *Description:* Sets the number of minutes after an NFP event to end the filter.

----- Interest Rate Filter -----

- **EnableIR_Filter**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* Enables the interest rate news filter.
- **IR_CloseOpenTrades**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* Closes open trades during the IR filter period when true.
- **IR_ClosePendingOrders**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* Deletes pending orders during the IR filter period when true.

- **IR_MinutesBefore**
 - *Default:* 60
 - *Description:* Sets the minutes before an IR event to start the filter.
- **IR_MinutesAfter**
 - *Default:* 120
 - *Description:* Sets the minutes after an IR event to end the filter.

----- CPI Filter -----

- **EnableCPI_Filter**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* Enables the CPI news filter.
- **CPI_CloseOpenTrades**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* Closes open trades during the CPI filter period when true.
- **CPI_ClosePendingOrders**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* Deletes pending orders during the CPI filter period when true.
- **CPI_MinutesBefore**
 - *Default:* 60
 - *Description:* Sets the minutes before a CPI event to start the filter.
- **CPI_MinutesAfter**
 - *Default:* 120
 - *Description:* Sets the minutes after a CPI event to end the filter.

----- Fake Breakout Filter -----

- **Filter_A Timeframe**
 - *Default:* M1
 - *Description:* Timeframe of the first filter to check for a fake breakout (candle closing below entry for a buy trade, or above entry for a sell trade)

- **Enable Filter_A**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* Enables the breakout Filter A
- **Filter_B Timeframe**
 - *Default:* M5
 - *Description:* Timeframe of the first filter to check for a fake breakout (candle closing below entry for a buy trade, or above entry for a sell trade)
- **Enable Filter_B**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* Enables the breakout Filter B
- **Filter_C Timeframe**
 - *Default:* M15
 - *Description:* Timeframe of the first filter to check for a fake breakout (candle closing below entry for a buy trade, or above entry for a sell trade)
- **Enable Filter_C**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* Enables the breakout Filter C
- **Filter_D Timeframe**
 - *Default:* M30
 - *Description:* Timeframe of the first filter to check for a fake breakout (candle closing below entry for a buy trade, or above entry for a sell trade)
- **Enable Filter_D**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* Enables the breakout Filter D
- **Filter_E Timeframe**
 - *Default:* H1
 - *Description:* Timeframe of the first filter to check for a fake breakout (candle closing below entry for a buy trade, or above entry for a sell trade)
- **Enable Filter_E**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* Enables the breakout Filter E

----- Trading hours -----

- **UseTradingTimeZones**
 - *Default:* false
 - *Description:* Enables trading time restrictions based on the specified daily schedules.
- **KillPending**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* Enables pending orders being delete when the non-trading hours kick in
- **KillOpen**
 - *Default:* true
 - *Description:* Enables open trades being closed when the non-trading hours kick in
- **Time_Source**
 - *Default:* TZ_Broker
 - *Description:* Selects the time source for trading hours:
 - TZ_GMT: Uses GMT time.
 - TZ_PC: Uses local computer/VPS time.
 - TZ_Broker: Uses broker server time.
- **Monday Start Time**
 - *Default:* "00:00"
 - *Description:* Sets the start time for trading on Monday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Monday End Time**
 - *Default:* "23:59"
 - *Description:* Sets the end time for trading on Monday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Tuesday Start Time**
 - *Default:* "00:00"
 - *Description:* Sets the start time for trading on Tuesday (format: "HH:MM").

- **Tuesday End Time**
 - *Default:* "23:59"
 - *Description:* Sets the end time for trading on Tuesday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Wednesday Start Time**
 - *Default:* "00:00"
 - *Description:* Sets the start time for trading on Wednesday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Wednesday End Time**
 - *Default:* "23:59"
 - *Description:* Sets the end time for trading on Wednesday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Thursday Start Time**
 - *Default:* "00:00"
 - *Description:* Sets the start time for trading on Thursday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Thursday End Time**
 - *Default:* "23:59"
 - *Description:* Sets the end time for trading on Thursday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Friday Start Time**
 - *Default:* "00:00"
 - *Description:* Sets the start time for trading on Friday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Friday End Time**
 - *Default:* "23:59"
 - *Description:* Sets the end time for trading on Friday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Saturday Start Time**
 - *Default:* "00:00"
 - *Description:* Sets the start time for trading on Saturday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Saturday End Time**
 - *Default:* "23:59"
 - *Description:* Sets the end time for trading on Saturday (format: "HH:MM").

- **Sunday Start Time**
 - *Default:* "00:00"
 - *Description:* Sets the start time for trading on Sunday (format: "HH:MM").
- **Sunday End Time**
 - *Default:* "23:59"
 - *Description:* Sets the end time for trading on Sunday (format: "HH:MM").