CHARTER

# Trading Plan and Risk Charter

The rules this record is traded under, written down before the first counted trade so anyone can hold the results to them.

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Status: **provisional**. Every number on this site is provisional until 300 counted trades. Results are in R and %; no dollar amounts are shown.
Changes: **v1.4 (23 Nov 2026)**: go-live moved two weeks, from Mon 23 Nov to Mon 7 Dec 2026 (week 1); the weeks before it are demo practice and are not counted, and week 78 ends Fri 2 Jun 2028. Wording, in section 4 and the modes table: every day with trades gets a colour from its average net R per trade, however many trades it had, where v1.3 said "each full day"; the starting tier applies until the first day with trades. This is how the tracking workbook works; no other rule and no number changed. **v1.3 (20 Nov 2026)**: section 3 now describes the risk rail exactly as the tracking workbook runs it, before week 1: the Balanced mode reaches tier T6 (5.75% a trade) after an Above-plan week in the Growth gate, where v1.2 said T5 was the ceiling; the five risk modes, the caution lock, the day-1 starting tier and the trader's manual overrides are written down (before 30 trades a manual tier may only lower risk), and every override is shown on the record. No risk number the workbook uses was changed. **v1.2 (18 Nov 2026)**: markets stated before week 1: forex pairs (majors and crosses), US stock indices and commodities (metals and energy), where v1.1 said major and cross currency pairs. Nothing else changed. **v1.1 (15 Nov 2026)**: go-live moved one week, from Mon 16 Nov to Mon 23 Nov 2026; the week of 16 Nov is demo practice. Nothing else changed. Any change is dated in the rule-change log and gets a new version of this page.
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## 1. The strategy in plain words

MARS Equilibrium is a discretionary trend-pullback strategy on forex pairs (majors and crosses), US stock indices (US30, US500 and US100) and commodities (gold, silver and oil). The trader waits for a trend on the higher timeframe, lets price pull back against it, and enters on the trigger timeframe when momentum turns back with the trend. Entries are judged by a person; risk is set by rules.

- **Every trade is 1:1.** A hard stop and a target the same distance away. A win is about +1R, a loss about −1R, both less costs. One R is the amount risked on the trade.
- **The plan assumes a 60% win rate.** That is an assumption until the record measures it. At 1:1 with typical costs, the break-even win rate is a little above 50%.
- **Expectancy is the master metric.** The test is judged in this order: expectancy (EV), drawdown, risk efficiency (RAER), profit quality (RAPF), then equity acceleration.

## 2. The trading routine

- Four trades a day, four trading days a week: 16 planned trades a week, for 78 weeks.
- All four trades of a day risk the same percentage of the account, set the evening before by the rail (section 3), or by a manual tier the trader records and the record shows (section 3, Overrides).
- A trade counts once it closes. A breakeven is any result within ±0.10R.
- Week 1 starts Mon 7 Dec 2026. Earlier weeks were demo practice and are not counted.

## 3. The risk rail: gates, tiers and risk per trade

Risk is set by rules, not by feel on the day. Two things set it: the **gate**, from how far the account sits below its highest closing equity (the Equity Peak High), and the **tier**, from recent results. The gate caps the tier; the tier picks the daily risk pool; each trade risks a quarter of the pool.

| Gate | Drawdown from peak | Posture | Highest tier (Balanced) | Risk per trade (T1 → highest tier) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Growth | under 7% | Expansion | T5 (T6 after an Above-plan week) | 4.5% → 5.5% (5.75% at T6) |
| Recovery | 7% to 13% | Stability | T5 | 3.25% → 4.5% |
| Buffer | 13% to 19% | Defense | T5 | 2.75% → 3.625% |
| Floor | 19% to 27% | Containment | T3 | 2% → 2.25% |
| Deep-Floor | 27% to 34% | Suppression | T2 | 1% → 1.25% |
| Ground-Floor | 34% to 40% | Recovery crawl | T1 | 1% |
| System Lock | 40% or more | No trading | none | 0% |

Each tier has a daily pool (the total risk of the day's four trades); each trade risks a quarter of it, multiplied by the mode's size multiplier and kept between the mode's lowest and highest risk a trade. The deeper the drawdown, the smaller the risk: the rail spends edge on survival first.

## The risk mode

The live test runs in the **Balanced** mode. A mode sets how hard the rail leans on the tiers; it never changes the strategy or the gates. In Balanced the highest tier is T5 in a normal week and T6 in the Growth gate after an Above-plan week; risk runs from 1% to 5.75% a trade on the rail, and never above 6%. The other four modes exist in the workbook and are not used; switching mode is a rule change (section 6).

| Setting | Ultra Conservative | Conservative | Balanced (live) | Aggressive | Ultra Aggressive |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Size multiplier on the pool | ×0.5 | ×0.75 | ×1 | ×1.15 | ×1.3 |
| Risk a trade, lowest → highest | 0.5% → 3% | 0.75% → 4.5% | 1% → 6% | 1% → 6% | 1% → 6% |
| Highest tier, normal week | T3 | T4 | T5 | T5 | T6 |
| Highest tier after an Above-plan week (Growth gate only) | T4 | T5 | T6 | T6 | T7 |
| Starting tier before the first day with trades | T2 | T3 | T4 | T4 | T5 |
| Caution lock: tier ceiling | T1 | T2 | T2 | T3 | T3 |
| Caution lock: Red days in a row that start it | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |

## Overrides, and how they are shown

The rail sets the risk. The trader can depart from it in three ways only, and every departure is shown on the public record:

- **Manual tier for a day.** The trader may set a day's tier by hand. Before 30 counted trades it may only be lower than the rail's tier; from 30 trades on it may be higher or lower, never above the gate's cap (in Growth up to T7, 6% a trade). The mode's size multiplier and its lowest and highest risk a trade still apply. Each such day is marked as an override in the daily record, with the rail's own tier beside the tier used.
- **Lower-gate unlock.** Off at go-live. If switched on, it lets the Floor gate reach up to T5 (2.625% a trade) and the Deep-Floor gate up to T3 (1.5% a trade) instead of T3 and T2. Switching it on is a rule change (section 6).
- **Mode change.** From a stated day onward; earlier days keep their mode. A rule change (section 6).

## 4. Day colour and weekly status

Each day with trades is given a colour from its average net R per trade, however many trades it had; a day without trades changes nothing, so the next day follows the last traded day. The colour sets the next day's starting tier:

| Day colour | Average net R per trade | Next day's tier |
|---|---|---|
| Top Green | +0.35R or better | T5 |
| Green | +0.25R to +0.35R | T4 |
| Yellow | +0.05R to +0.25R | T2 |
| Red | below +0.05R | T1 |

The weekly status then moves that tier for the following week: average net R per trade of +0.33R or better adds one tier; +0.06R to +0.33R leaves it; above zero but under +0.06R takes one tier off; zero or worse takes two off. The result is never below T1 and never above the gate's cap or the mode's highest tier. Until the first day with trades, the rail uses the mode's starting tier (T4 in Balanced).

**Caution lock.** After Red days in a row (two in Balanced), the tier is held at or below the lock ceiling (T2 in Balanced) until a Green or Top Green day clears it. A day without trades does not change the day colour, the red-day count or the caution lock; Monday follows the last traded day.

## 5. System Lock and the stop rule

- **System Lock.** At 40% below the Equity Peak High, risk becomes zero: no trades are taken while the account is that far below its peak.
- **The stop rule is judgment, not a number.** If the drawdown shows the strategy is no longer worth continuing, the trader stops the test early and says so here and in the record. No verdict level on the site stops trading by itself. Stopping early is part of the record, never hidden.

## 6. The 30-trade no-change rule

No rule, mode or risk setting changes before 30 counted trades. A handful of trades is mostly luck, and changing rules after a bad run is how traders curve-fit themselves out of an edge. After 30

trades, any change must be supported by the record, dated in the rule-change log and given a new version of this charter. The verdict on the edge stays provisional until 300 trades.

## 7. Warning signs

These are warnings that call for a pause and a review, not automatic stops:

- A day losing more than 2R, or more than 10% of the day's starting equity.
- A week losing more than 8%.
- Repeated Red days in a row, or a fall through a gate.
- Compliance slipping: trades taken with checklist items missing.
- Two open trades in the same currency at once (a practice the trader avoids).

## 8. The 14-item entry checklist

Every trade must show all 14 items on the before charts. A missing item is a plan breach, reported on its own line and never averaged away. The items are named here so the record can be checked; how each tool is set up stays private.

1. **Alert arrow.** A momentum alert fires in the trade direction.
2. **Multi-timeframe trend aligned.** The trigger timeframe and the hour chart agree, and the average trend row points the same way.
3. **Band touch.** Price has pulled back to the inner trend band.
4. **Trend panel.** The trigger timeframe trends with the trade and is pulling back; the higher timeframe trends the same way at Strong or better.
5. **Close across the 55 EMA.** A candle has closed across the 55-period average in the trade direction.
6. **Oscillator colour.** The momentum oscillator's colour matches the trade direction.
7. **Oscillator mid-line.** The oscillator's middle trend line points the same way.
8. **Candle arrows.** The small candle arrows point the trade direction.
9. **Candle fill.** The candle fill colour matches the trade direction.
10. **Volume confirmation.** A volume reading prints on or after the band touch.
11. **Right side of the 233 EMA.** Buys only above the slow trend filter, sells only below it.

12. **Trend candle colour.** A second template's candles are green for buys, red for sells.
13. **Structure columns.** The market-structure columns are green for buys, red for sells.
14. **Trend-continuation reading.** Direction and momentum sit on the trade side of zero, with momentum sloping the trade's way.

## 9. Compliance bands and grades

Each trade is reviewed from its screenshots and gets two separate results: a **quality grade** (A+ to D−, how well the entry was executed, including a cost check) and a **compliance line** (PASS, or BREACH naming the missing item). Compliance also shows a score, items met ÷ items visible, all 14 weighing the same, and a band:

| Band | Mandatory items missed |
|---|---|
| Full | 0 |
| Near | 1–2 |
| Partial | 3–6 |
| Off-plan | 7 or more |

An item the screenshots do not show is "not visible": neither met nor missed. Market climate is reported with each review but is never part of the grade or compliance.

## 10. Versions and verification

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