

Trends

What is a Trend?

- The trend is simply the general direction of the market.
- Markets don't generally move in a straight line in any direction but are characterized by a series of Zig-Zags.
- It's the direction of those peaks and troughs that constitutes a market trend.

Trend Direction

- An uptrend is a series of successively higher peaks and troughs.
- A downtrend is just the opposite, a series of declining peaks and troughs.
- Horizontal peaks and troughs would identify a sideways / range price trend.

Trend Direction - Uptrend



Trend Direction - Downtrend



Trend Direction - Range / Sideways



Trend Decisions

There are three decisions confronting the trader:

- Buy (go long) only if it is a Uptrend
- Sell (go short) only if it is a Downtrend
- Do Nothing (stand aside) if it a is Range

Entry Signals

Trend Reversal - Failure Swing



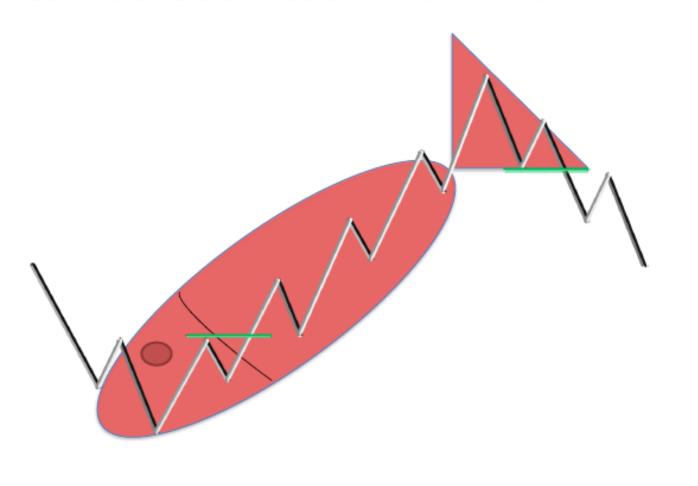
BUY

When we see a failure swing for Up

SELL

When we see a failure swing for Down

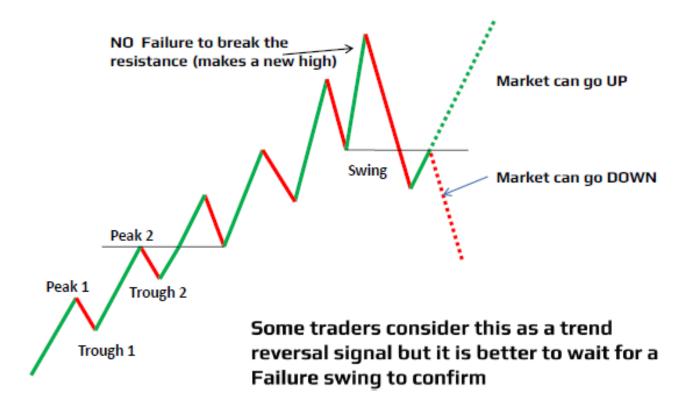
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Be Careful!

Not All Failure Swings Are Correct

Non Failure Swing



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