

SMART MONEY CONCEPTS (SMC) CHEAT SHEET

BOS (Break of Structure)

Price cleanly breaks a previous major swing high/low in the direction of the dominant trend.

Execution: Signifies robust trend continuation. Look for order bloc

CHoCH (Change of Character)

Price breaks the last opposing swing low/high, marking the earliest signal of trend reversal.

Execution: Shift from bullish to bearish order flow. Prepare counter

MSS (Market Structure Shift)

Aggressive displacement breaking market structure with an accompanying Fair Value Gap.

Execution: Confirms institutional footprint and validates entry time

BSL / SSL (Liquidity Pools)

Buy-Side Liquidity (stops above double tops) and Sell-Side Liquidity (stops below double bottoms).

Execution: Institutions trigger retail stops to fill large institutional

Inducement (IDM)

A minor pullback or internal swing designed to trap early retail traders before true expansion.

Execution: Do NOT enter at IDM; wait for IDM sweep into genuine Order

Optimal Trade Entry (OTE)

The sweet spot between 62% and 79% Fibonacci retracement of the institutional impulse swing.

Execution: Tight risk profile with maximum Risk-to-Reward ratio (1: