FAQ - Third Screen Strategy EA

The Third Screen Strategy EA was written by khaled_ctg and first presented by to the trading public on May 31, 2013, in Post # 847 on the Factory Forex forum by the creator of the strategy, 100PipsADAY. The original rules for trading this method manually were given quite clearly in:

Post # 10 - Below is how I would normally take a trade using my strategy.
- I look on the DAILY chart for the MACD to cross over.
- Once it is clear that MACD has crossed over, I will enter positions on the H1 chart using Williams % Range.

Post # 847 - Instructions are as follows:
- This particular EA is specifically designed around this strategy. D1 MACD & H1 Williams % Range ONLY. NO EMA's are used for this strategy...
- This EA requires a specific MACD indicator which we will all follow so that results are similar. Please find attachments below.
- 1st Attachment: MACD3SS. This file is needed to operate the EA. Copy it to the "Indicator" folder and DO NOT change its name!
- 2nd Attachment: This is the Third Screen Strategy EA. Copy it to the "Experts" folder.

Further instructions as received:

Post # 874 - It seems here you are facing some technical problem about the EA. Let me try to help you.
- The modified MACD has new name MACD3SS. Please don't rename the file. (MACDSSS is wrong)
- No need to load the MACD3SS file on the chart. Just place it / expert/ indicators folder.
- You should use MACD_adjustable on your chart (if you wish to see MACD on your chart) as per this Third Screen Strategy rules.
- Don't worry the EA works as per the direction of MACD_adjustable.

Post # 879 - I guess I wasn't clear in the original post with the EA
- 1st Attachment: MACD3SS. This file is needed to operate the EA. Copy it to the "Indicator" folder and DO NOT change its name!
- DO NOT load the new MACD3SS to your MT4 template. Keep the same 100PipsADay template with MACD adjustable.

Since then there have been many additional questions about the EA, mainly because people either cannot read the information properly, cannot understand the material properly or they missed the information and just cannot be bothered to look for it, or they simply have never used an EA and do not what they are doing.

If you are one of those, you will be reading this document and most probably belong in the "spoon fed" group or you have found this thread much later than the rest of us; please read, study and understand the questions and answers given here before asking them again on the forum. Whether you are new to trading, new to using EA's, or very experienced, it is strongly suggested that you always test an EA on a DEMO account until you are familiar with all of the settings before using it on a live account.

1. Do you take the first occurrence of the price entering the overbought or oversold zone on the hourly chart? And how does the EA do it? Does the EA take the first occurrence?

- Position should be opened up once W%R touches oversold / overbought area on 1 Hour. EA will do the same thing as well.

2. When trading manually following the rules and during the course of time when both Daily MACD & H1 Williams%Range show the opposite signal, do you get out of the original trade whether in profit or loss, or do you let it run until it hits either the original SL or TP?

- I almost always wait for SL or TP target to get hit before looking for new trade setup.

3. What time frame to put EA on to work? If I activate EA and look to Daily screen, will it work with Williams%Range on H1? Or we put the EA on H1, let it work and don't change the screen to another TF?

- It doesn't matter... place the EA on any time frame; you can safely change from Daily to 1 Hour charts, to check the MACD and W%R indicators, and the EA will continue to work.

4. Do I have to set up the Third Screen Strategy EA on every chart per pair that I want to trade or is it enough to install the EA only once in one chart. In other words: does the EA handle all pairs or only the screen pair?

- You must place the EA on the chart of each currency pair to be traded – it is not a basket trading EA. The easy way to do this is create a Template, and apply to each open chart

5. Is there a description of the colours of the triangles on the chart of the Third Screen EA? What is the logic behind them?

- The top triangle shows the direction of the MACD on Daily chart, green = above, red = below.

- The lower triangle shows the position of the W%R on the 1 Hour chart, green = oversold, red = overbought.

- A Yellow "X" indicates that there are no trading opportunities.

- A trade will be taken when both triangles are the same color e.g. red = sell and green = buy.

This is FAQ v1.0; stay tuned for updates as required. I wish you all every success in your trading adventures.

Erebus, June 5, 2013