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CHAPTER 2

INTRADAY TRADING STRATEGIES

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FROM BEGINNER TO PROFESSIONAL

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## Intraday Trading Strategies

*Intraday trading is like being a surfer. You need to read the market waves and ride them during the day, exiting before the session closes. It is intense, exciting and requires total concentration.*

### Strategy 1: Intraday Range Breakout

Base Concept: During the first hours of trading, many assets establish a range between a support and a resistance. When the price breaks this range with force, especially with high volume, it usually continues in that direction.

#### Detailed Configuration:

- Main Timeframe: 15 minutes to identify the range
- Entry Timeframe: 5 minutes to precise the entry
- Optimal Schedule: First 2 hours after the opening

#### Step-by-Step Process:

##### 1. Range Identification (9:30 - 10:30 AM)

- Mark the highs and lows of the first hour
- The range must have at least 20 pips of amplitude
- Verify that the price has touched both extremes at least 2 times

##### 2. Preparation for the Breakout

- Place stop-buy orders 2-3 pips above the resistance
- Place stop-sell orders 2-3 pips below the support
- Confirm that the volume is increasing near the extremes

##### 3. Execution

- Enter only if the breakout comes accompanied by volume 1.5x higher than the average
- Stop loss on the opposite side of the range
- Take profit 1: range distance (1:1)
- Take profit 2: 1.5 times the range distance

Practical Example: Imagine that EUR/USD establishes a range between 1.1850 and 1.1900 during the first hour. If the price breaks above 1.1903 with high volume, enter long with stop loss at 1.1847 and take profit at 1.1953 (first target) and 1.1978 (second target).

### Specific Risk Management:

- Never risk more than 1% of your capital per operation
- If the market is very volatile, reduce the position size to half
- Cancel all pending orders if they are not executed in the first 3 hours



### Strategy 2: Reversals at Key Supports and Resistances

Base Concept: Support and resistance levels act as psychological magnets. When the price reaches these levels, it often bounces, creating high-probability trading opportunities.

#### Detailed Configuration:

- Main Timeframe: 1 hour to identify key levels
- Entry Timeframe: 15 minutes for precise timing
- Confirmation: 5 minutes for reversal patterns

## Identification of Key Levels:

The most powerful levels are those that have been tested multiple times and have shown respect from the price. These include:

- Highs and lows of the previous day
- Fibonacci retracement levels (38.2%, 50%, 61.8%)
- Important moving averages (50, 100, 200 periods)
- Psychological round numbers (1.2000, 1.1500, etc.)

## Execution Process:

### 1. Pre-market (before 9:30 AM)

- Identify the 3-5 most important levels of the day
- Mark these levels on your chart
- Review news that may affect these levels

### 2. During the Session

- Observe how the price reacts when approaching these levels
- Look for reversal patterns: dojis, hammers, shooting stars
- Confirm with divergences in RSI or MACD

### 3. Entry and Management

- Enter when you see reversal confirmation
- Stop loss 5-10 pips beyond the key level
- Take profit at the next significant level

## Advanced Management:

- If the first target is reached, move the stop loss to breakeven
- Consider partial close at the first resistance/support
- If the level is definitively broken, consider inverting the position

## Strategy 3: Trading with News (News Trading)

Base Concept: Important economic news can create explosive movements in the markets. This strategy takes advantage of the immediate volatility after important announcements.

## **Pre-News Preparation:**

Success in news trading is based on preparation. One hour before the news:

### **1. Consensus Analysis**

- Review the market expectation
- Identify what would constitute a surprise
- Evaluate the historical impact of this news

### **2. Technical Configuration**

- Identify the pre-news consolidation range of the day
- Place pending orders above and below the range
- Calculate the position size (reduce due to high volatility)

## **Real-Time Execution:**

The moment of publication is crucial. The first 30 seconds determine the initial direction.

- 0-15 seconds: Evaluate if the news was a surprise
- 15-60 seconds: Enter if there is a clean breakout of the range
- 1-5 minutes: Manage the position actively

## **High-Impact News for Trading:**

- NFP (Non-Farm Payrolls): First Friday of the month
- Interest rate decisions: Fed, BCE, BOE, BOJ
- Inflation (CPI): Monthly, high volatility
- GDP (PIB): Quarterly, sustained impact



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