

15 min Opening Range Strategy

(Working with the “**Universal MFB – Flow/Sweep/FVG-123 Setup**”, and “**Momentum Flow Build w/ FVG v6 (clean)**” indicators)

I think of the 15 min opening range as a "**Key level**" strategy.

Trading the 15 minute opening range levels, works with the same **Mechanical Process Methodology** used for other Key Levels.

Higher Time Frame – (HTF) **5 minute chart candle closure for “Intention”**

Lower Time Frame – (LTF) 1 min chart for “**Ch’d**” + **FVG-123 trade entry**

- 1) **IF - 5 min (HTF) “Intention dot” candle closure** signal

- 2) **THEN - 1 min (LTF) 1 min “Ch’d” + FVG-123** trade entry setup.

(The Follow Through Trade – “Break”): If we get a **5 min candle closure** (Intention Dot) above/below the 15 min opening range high/low, and a **1 min “Ch’d” + FVG-123** in the direction of the HTF closure, then that is a trade entry.

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Then there is the **Reversal trade setup** -

(Reversal Trade – “Absorption”):

If we get a 5 min candle closure beyond the 15 min high/low, and then another 5 min candle closure (preferably immediately) back into the range?

Then I'll wait for a **1 min chart - 1 min “Ch’d” + FVG-123**

(To explain further – Waiting for a “Change of Character with CISD combination signal (**“Ch’d”**) on the 1 min chart + **FVG-123** for trade entry (in the direction of the candle closure that was immediately back into the 15 min opening range.)

Absorption example on 5 min chart (1 min “Ch’d” + FVG-123 looks the same for reversal trades)



Risk Management for Trade entries:

1 to 2 (Risk Reward) is ok for the 15 min opening range. Stop loss behind the 1st candle of a 1 min FVG-123.

Always ok to trail stops responsibly with **“Probability Maximization”** in mind:

Move stop to any “protected FVGs” (1st candle of 1 min FVG series), and if price reaches a key level, then move stop to the FVG nearest to the level, or move stop to the 5 min candle that displaced (closed) beyond the key level.

A few extra notes:

Successive 5 min candle closures meandering around a level indicates unclear Smart Money intention, as it tests for how much liquidity there is at that level (its best to not trade during that time).

This is called “Accumulation”.

With every 5 min candle closure test of a level, think of Smart Money as building towards the next price move, as retail traders exit their trades.

There are (mostly) only two 5 min candle closures to watch for after the 15 min opening range high and low forms, yet sometimes Smart Money will test for a while, then we notice displacement as a signal:

- 1) Initial 5 min candle closure beyond the high or low (then wait for 1 min FVG-123 in 5 min candle closure direction)
- 2) If an immediate (or soon) 5 min closure “Absorption” back into the level (then wait for 1 min “Ch’d” + FVG-123 – in the direction of the recent 5 min closure)

What if there are many another 5 min candle closures beyond, and then back into the range, and price is **“Range Bound”**?

At Ease!

“At Ease”. Don’t trade.

Or chill, and wait for a clear Displacement with confirmed 5 min Candle Closure Intention.

Wait for displacement away from the level, when Smart Money is done accumulating and testing the level.

If there is a displacement away from a level after “Accumulation”, then consider a 1 min “Ch’d” and FVG-123 trade signal (if there is one in the direction of the displacement).

Energetic order flow (called “Displacement”) is how a trader makes money.

The **“Bird’s Eye View signal”** is the Higher Time Frame 5 min candle closure.

The **“Trade entry”** is the 1 min “Ch’d” + FVG-123 order flow (only if the “Bird’s Eye View” signals a trade entry on the 5 min chart).

The 5 min (HTF) candle closure signals lead the session.

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