Advanced Market Structure in ICT Style – STH & ITH & LTH – STL & ITL & LTL

Advanced Market Structure concept in **ICT style** is based on the categorization of **highs** and **lows**. This categorization can serve as a complement for better identification of various breakouts within the **market structure**.

The advanced market structure categorization is named based on **short-term, intermediate-term**, and **long-term** ranges.

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What is Market Structure?

Market structure refers to **the price movement pattern** within each specified timeframe. Analyzing price **highs** and **lows** allows traders to understand **overall trends** and **market dynamics**.

Types of Market Structure

- **Bullish Market Structure:** This indicates a consistent price increase, characterized by**long-term higher highs** and **long-term higher lows** in price chart
- **Bearish Market Structure:** This indicates a consistent price decrease, identified by **long-term lower lows** and **long-term lower highs**
- **Sideways Market Structure:** In this scenario, prices fluctuate within a defined **range**, with highs and lows forming at the same level

What are the Types of Advanced Market Structure?

Advanced market structure in **ICT style** includes various types, which are listed below:

Highs

In this concept, there are three types of highs: **STH, ITH, LTH**; Each is explained below:

Short Term High (STH)

In ICT analysis, a **Short Term High** refers to a **Swing High** formed by three candles.

The **upper wick** of the second (**middle**) candle is **higher** than the **highs** of both the first (**left**) and third (**right**) candles.

Therefore, the high of **the second candle** is recognized as a **Short Term High** (**STH**).

Illustration of a Short Term High (STH) in Advanced Market Structure style

Intermediate Term High (ITH)

The term "**intermediate-term**" refers to something positioned in the middle or between two stages.

An **Intermediate Term High** (**ITH**) is essentially a **Short Term High**, but lower Short Term Highs are located on its left and right.

This high is positioned **between two lower Short Term Highs** and is higher than both of them.

Intermediate Term High (ITH) between two Short Term Highs (STH) in Advanced Market Structure trading strategy

Long Term High (LTH)

A **Long Term High** (**LTH**) is naturally an **Intermediate Term High**, but it usually forms on a **higher timeframe** after a price reaction within a PD zone.

An **LTH** is represented as an Intermediate Term High positioned in the **center of two other Intermediate Term Highs**.

It represents the highest Intermediate Term High, with **lower** Intermediate Term Highs on both sides.

Long Term High (LTH) between two Intermediate Term Highs (ITH) in Advanced Market Structure trading strategy

Lows

In this concept, there are three types of lows: **STL, ITL, LTL**. Each is explained below:

Short Term Low (STL)

In ICT analysis, a **Short Term Low** refers to a **Swing Low** formed by **three candles**.

The **lower wick** of the second (**middle**) candle extends below the lows of both the first (**left**) and third (**right**) candles.

Therefore, the low of **the second candle** is recognized as a **Short Term Low** (**STL**).

An Indication Short Term Low (STL) in Advanced Market Structure style

Intermediate Term Low (ITL)

The term "**intermediate-term**" refers to something positioned in the middle or between two stages.

An **Intermediate Term Low** (**ITL**) is essentially a **Short Term Low**, but higher Short Term Lows are located on its left and right.

This low is positioned **between two higher Short Term Lows** and is lower than both of them.

Intermediate Term Low (ITL) between two Short Term Lows (STL) in Advanced Market Structure style

Long Term Low (LTL)

A **Long Term Low** (**LTL**) is naturally an Intermediate Term Low, but it usually forms on a **higher timeframe** after a price reaction within a **Premium/Discount** zone.

An LTL is represented as an **Intermediate Term Low** positioned in the center of **two other Intermediate Term Lows**.

It is the **lowest** Intermediate Term Low, with **higher** intermediate term lows on both of its **left** and **right**.

Long Term Low (LTL) between two Intermediate Term Lows (ITL) in Advanced Market Structure trading style

Conclusion

In a **bullish advanced market structure**, prices consistently form higher highs and higher lows through the **Break Of Structure (BOS)** over the long term.

The trend remains bullish unless the higher low is broken, indicating a potential reversal known as a Change of Character or Market Structure Shift **(CHoCH or MSS)**.

In **Bearish Advanced Market** Structure, prices form **lower lows and lower highs** over the long term. The trend stays bearish unless the **lower high** is broken.

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