

What is FTMO & How It Works

FTMO is a Czech-based prop trading firm (est. 2015) that enables traders to access up to \$200,000–\$400,000 in demo capital. You'll trade simulated funds but keep real profits. They offer a transparent, two-stage evaluation process: the **FTMO Challenge** and **Verification**, before earning access to an FTMO-funded account [funded squad.com+15FTMO+15Reddit+15](#).

The Two Stages: Challenge & Verification

1. FTMO Challenge

- **Profit Target:** +10% of the initial balance
- **Risk Controls:**
 - Max Daily Drawdown: –5%
 - Max Total Drawdown: –10% [FTMO+1FTMO+1Trading Finder](#)
- **Time Limit:** None, but must trade at least 4 days [FTMO+2FTMO+2Trading Finder+2](#)

2. Verification

- **Profit Target:** +5%
- Same drawdown rules apply [Trustpilot+11FTMO+11FTMO+11](#)

Pass both, and you're granted the **FTMO Account**—a demo environment where you can withdraw real rewards.

Fees & Refund Policy

- **Entry Fee** for the Challenge varies: ~€89–€155 for a \$10K account in recent promos, rising up to ~€1,080 for a \$200K one [LinkedIn+15FTMO+15FTMO+15Trading Finder+1Investing.com+1](#).
 - **No hidden or recurring fees**—just the one-time charge covers both stages [FTMO](#).
 - **Refundable:** Once you hit your first payout from the FTMO Account, your challenge fee is fully returned [LuxAlgo+15FTMO+15Reddit+15](#).
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Accounts & Conditions

- **Account Sizes:** \$10K, \$25K, \$50K, \$100K, \$200K, and cap up to \$400K through scaling [YouTube+2FTMO+2FTMO+2FTMO+3Telegram Signal Copier+3InvestX+3](#).

- **Leverage:**
 - Standard: 1:100
 - Swing accounts: 1:30 (allows news and weekend trades)
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 - **Instruments:** Forex, indices, crypto, commodities—90+ symbols supported [Trading Finder](#).
 - **Platforms:** MT4, MT5, cTrader, DXtrade, with mobile & web support
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Rewards & Scaling

- **Profit Split:** Start with 80%, increasing to 90% after you meet scaling criteria [Trading Finder](#).
- **Scaling Plan:**
 - Apply every 4 months
 - Must withdraw profits at least twice
 - Net gain $\geq 10\%$
 - Maintained positive balance [Investing.com+14InvestX+14Reddit+14](#).

This allows you to grow your demo capital up to \$2M eventually
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