Price Action Trading Trend Line Breakout Strategy (by Albert Kuo)



Introduction

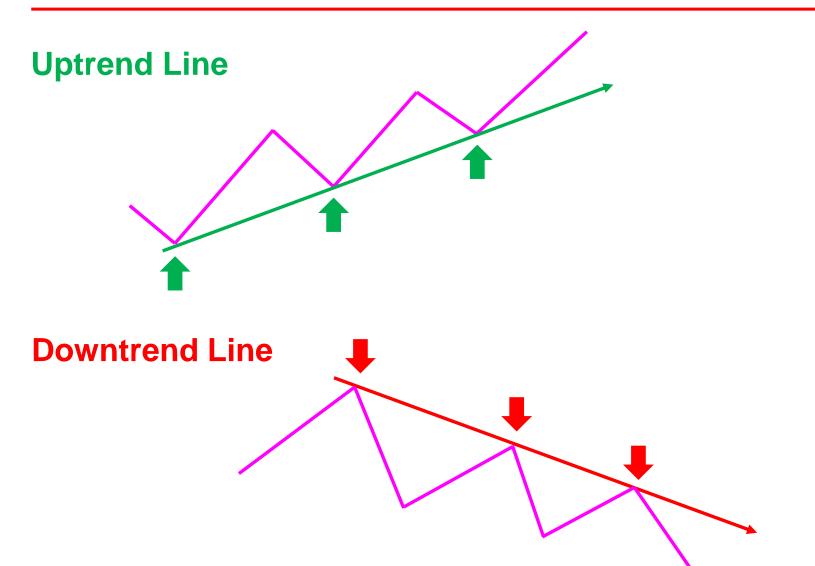
- 1. This is a rule-based and objective method with clear and not ambiguous entry and exit rules.
- 2. This strategy is as easy as pie and the tool we use is only trend lines.
- 3. We don't use any technical indicators (neither EMA, RSI, KD nor MACD) so we don't need to optimize parameters of the indicators and have no problem of overfitting a model.
- 4. We can use Fibonacci Retracement to decide S/L and T/P levels.
- 5. We can use trailing stop method to capture massive moves.
- It's pretty much of a trend-reversal strategy with pretty high odds. But sometimes, it can be a trend-following strategy(Special Case 4).
- 7. This strategy can work well in daily chart but it can also do on other time frame.



How to Draw Valid Trend Lines

- Step 1: Identify obvious peaks and troughs
- Step 2A: In a downtrend(it forms lower highs, but lower lows are not necessary), connect a minimum of 3 peaks (or highs) with a line from left to right and we have a downward trend line
- Step 2B: In an uptrend(it forms higher lows, but high highs are not necessary), connect a minimum of 3 troughs (or lows) with a line from left to right and we have a upward trend line
- Step 3: We can draw 2 parallel lines to mark trend line(as a trend zone)
- *3 Common Mistakes in Drawing Trend Lines:
- 1. Drawing trend line through an obstruction
- 2. Drawing through the body of a candlestick
- 3. Not drawing a new trend line and keeping a breached trend line
- *It's acceptable that sometimes a trend line doesn't touch the wick but is very close to the end of a wick.
- *It's acceptable that sometimes a trend line is through the body of a candlestick but only a tiny part of the body.

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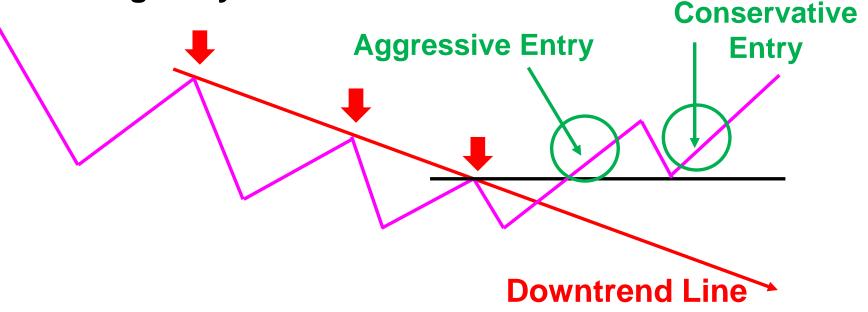


Entry Rules

Long Entry

Aggressive Entry: If the price closes above the last point touching the downtrend line, make a long entry.

Conservative Entry: If the price crosses above the last point touching the downtrend line and retests it, make a long entry.

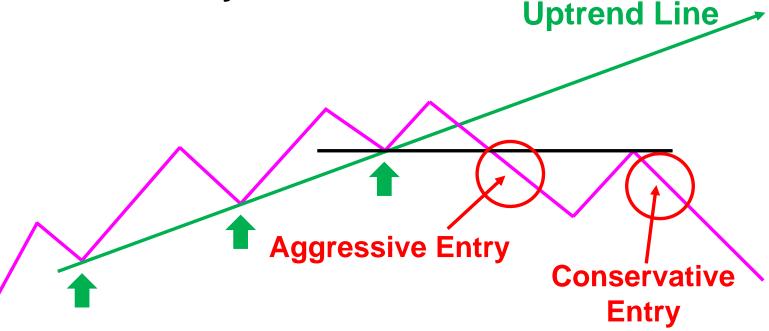


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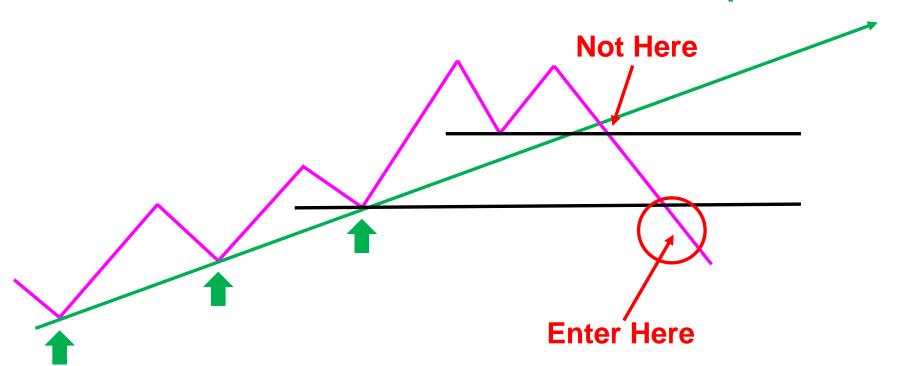
Short Entry

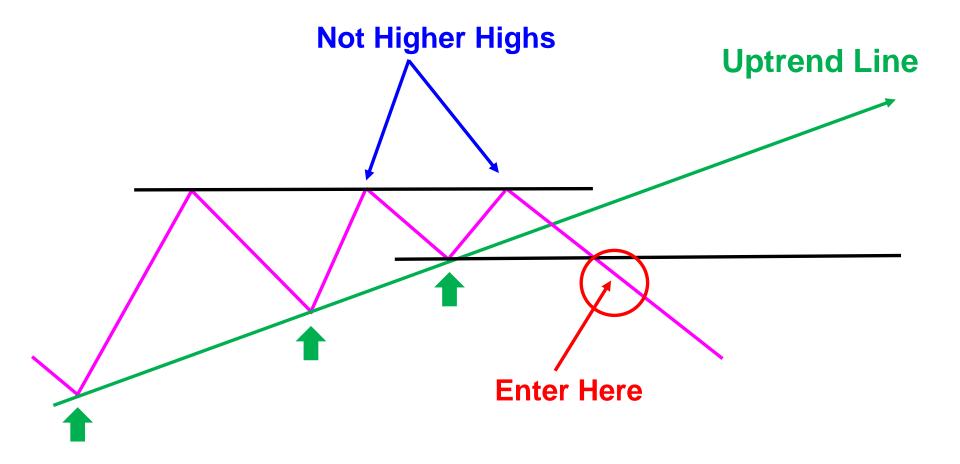
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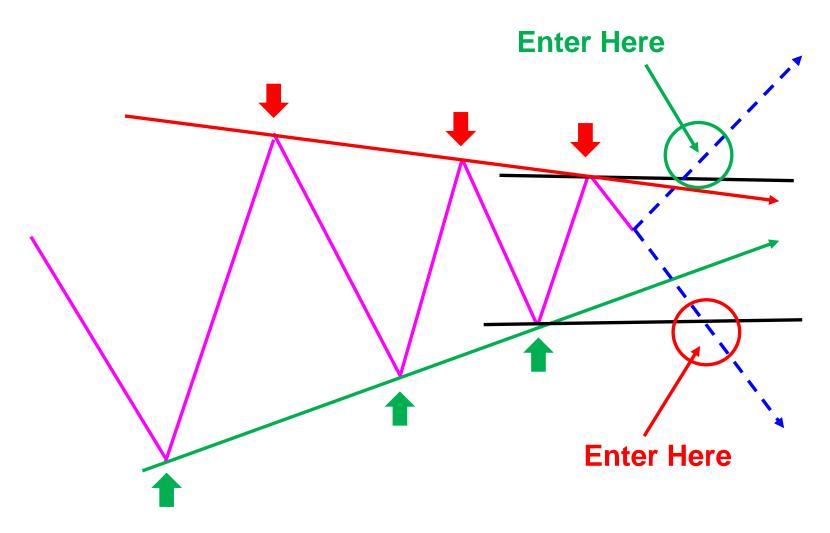
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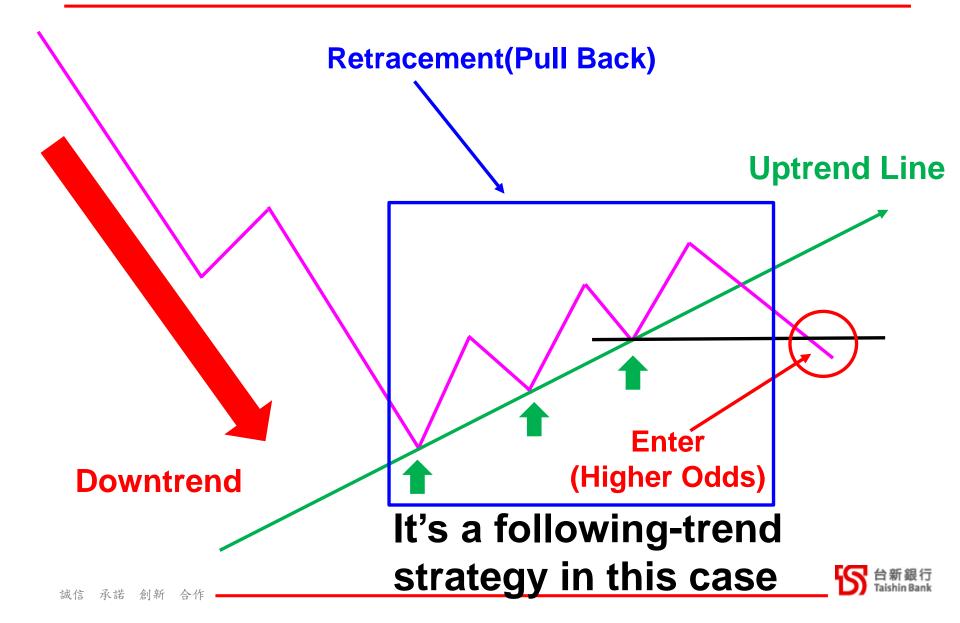
Uptrend Line











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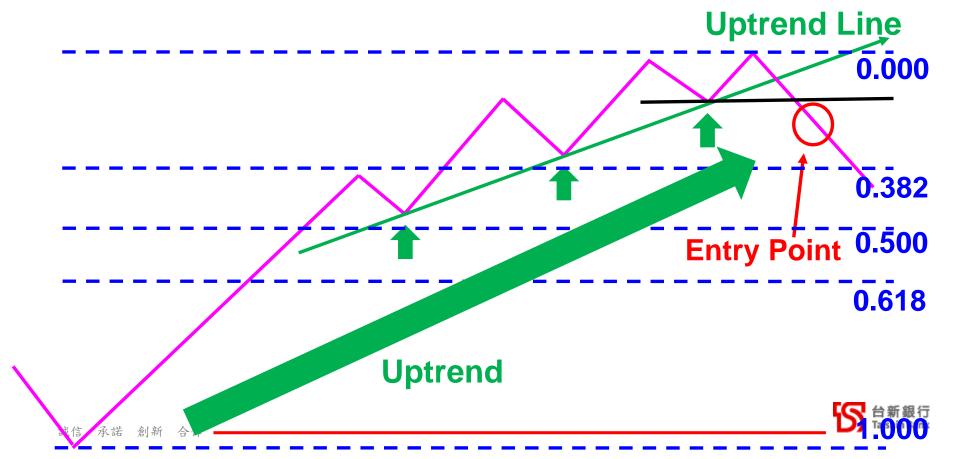
- 1. A little below/above recent swing low/high for a long/short entry
- 2. If recent low/high is very far away from entry point, set Stop-Loss level at Fib. 0.382, 0.500 or 0.618 It's even better if (1) and (2) are very close.



How to Set T/P Level

1. Counter-Trend

Because it's totally a counter-trend trade, we have no idea if the trend is really changing. So we can set T/P level at Fib. 0.382, 0.5 and 0.618, and take profit separately.

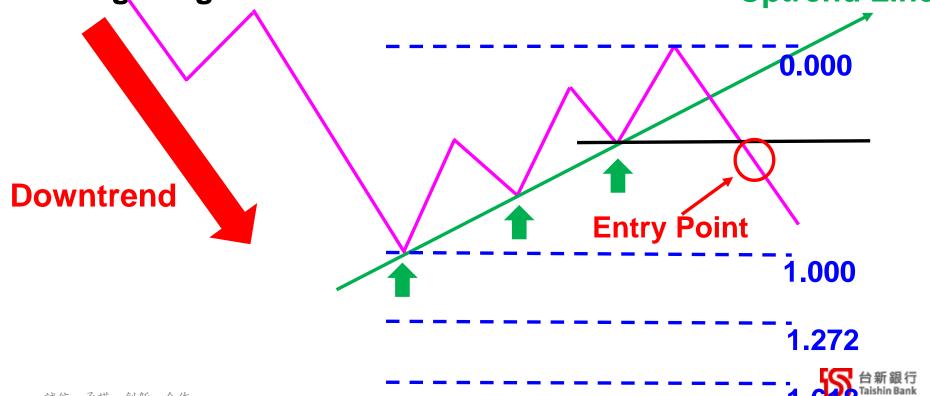


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2. Trend-Following

Because it's a trend-following trade, we can set T/P level more aggressively. The 1st T/P level is Fib. 1.272 and the 2nd is Fib. 1.618, and we can also usd trailing stop to avoid missing a big trend.

Uptrend Line



US 10Y Daily Chart: 2013 Sep ~ 2022 Aug, Total Entry Times 46, Winner 33 Breakeven 5, Loser 8, Winning% 71.74%



USDCNH Daily Chart: 2011 Nov ~ 2022 Aug, Total Entry Times 26, Winner 24 Loser 2, Winning% 92.86%



EURUSD Daily Chart: 2013 Aug ~ 2022 Aug, Total Entry Times 65, Winner 40 Breakeven 9, Loser 16, Winning% 61.54%



USDJPY Daily Chart: 2009 Jan ~ 2022 Aug, Total Entry Times 52, Winner 35 Breakeven 3, Loser 14, Winning% 67.31%



GBPUSD Daily Chart: 2013 May ~ 2022 Aug, Total Entry Times 53, Winner 37 Breakeven 4, Loser 12, Winning% 69.81%



AUDUSD Daily Chart: 2012 Apr ~ 2022 Aug, Total Entry Times 66, Winner 47 Breakeven 2, Loser 17, Winning% 71.21%

