

What Is ICT Judas Swing?

The Judas Swing is a tactic used by smart money to exploit retail traders who lack an understanding of higher time frame direction. This movement typically occurs from midnight New York local time to 5 AM New York local time.

Judas Swing Strategy Explained

To effectively use the Judas Swing strategy, follow these steps:

- Identify the Opening:** Mark the opening of the New York midnight session, which starts at 12 AM, indicating the beginning of the new trading day.
- Mark Highs and Lows:** Identify and mark the high and low points of the Asian session.
- Monitor the London Session:** As the London session begins, watch for a sweep of liquidity from either the buy side or the sell side.
- Confirm Liquidity Sweep:** Once a liquidity sweep is confirmed, wait for a market structure shift (MSS) with displacement, which is characterized by a strong price movement in the opposite direction of the liquidity sweep.
- Identify Entry Points:** After confirming the MSS with displacement, switch to a 3-minute or 1-minute time frame. Wait for the price to return to an institutional reference point, such as a Fair Value Gap (FVG), an Order Block, or a Breaker Block.

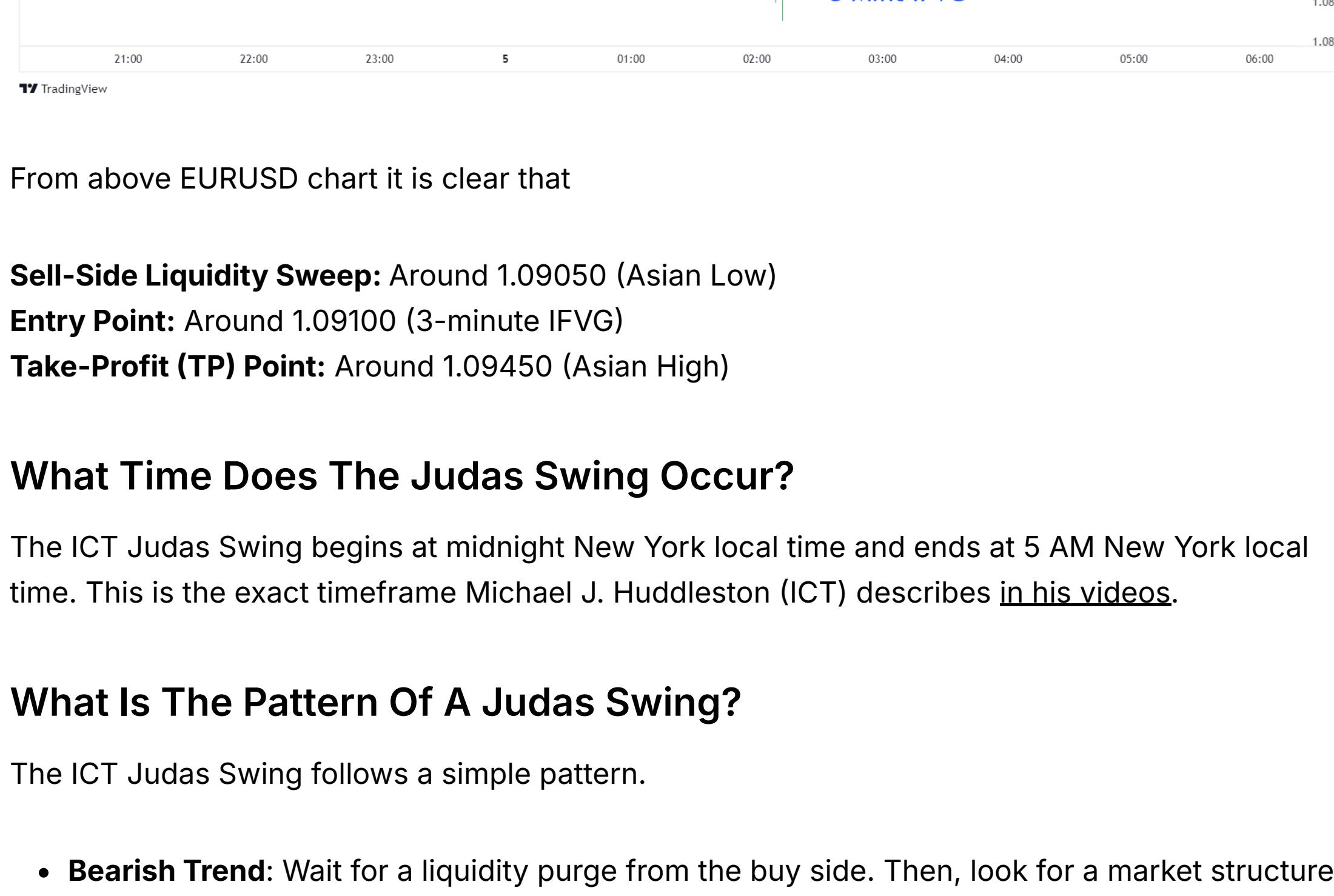


The chart above illustrates the ICT Judas Swing in a bearish scenario

Trading In Bearish Scenario

Midnight Opening: The price is trading above the New York midnight opening price, which is a key reference point for this strategy.

London Session Begins: As the London session starts, smart money sweeps liquidity from the buy side, creating a trap for retail traders who are positioned long.



From above EURUSD chart it is clear that

What Time Does The Judas Swing Occur?

The ICT Judas Swing begins at midnight New York local time and ends at 5 AM New York local time. This is the exact timeframe Michael J. Huddleston (ICT) describes [in his videos](#).

What Is The Pattern Of A Judas Swing?

The ICT Judas Swing follows a simple pattern.

- Bearish Trend:** Wait for a liquidity purge from the buy side. Then, look for a market structure shift (MSS) that leaves a fair value gap (FVG) or any institutional reference point behind it. Target the sell-side liquidity.
- Bullish Trend:** Wait for a liquidity hunt on the sell side. Then, observe a market structure shift (MSS) that leaves a fair value gap (FVG) or any institutional reference point behind it. Target the buy-side liquidity or the Asian Session High.

What Is The Win Rate Of The ICT Judas Swing?

The win rate depends on the instrument or market conditions you trade and your understanding of market fundamentals and higher time frames. As I back tested the EURUSD pair, it yielded a roughly 73.5% win rate, which is considered quite good.

What Is The Meaning Of A Judas Swing?

In trading, a "Judas swing" refers to a price movement that initially misleads traders into believing a trend is forming in one direction, only to reverse sharply and move in the opposite direction. This term is often associated with deceptive market behavior designed to trap traders who might enter trades based on the false signal.