

Guidelines For Index Level Trading Service

This document provides important tips and guidelines on how to use Index Level Trading service in order to utilize its contents more efficiently and become a profitable trader. We encourage all members to read this document very carefully before using the service and placing any trade.

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1) Introduction to Algonox

Algonox (algo-nox) is a machine learning algorithm that has been designed to predict daily and weekly high and low prices of SPX. Algonox is especially helpful for ES/SPX day traders, but like any other trading tool or signal, some guidelines should be followed to maximize its effectiveness. In the sections below, we go over a few guidelines that can help to maximize profit and minimize losses when using the information provided by Algonox.

WHAT DOES ALGONOX PREDICT?

Algonox forecasts daily, weekly, and monthly high and low prices of SPX. There are two sets of predictions that are generated by Algonox each trading day:

- **ES FORECAST:** This forecast is for the price of ES which is traded 24 hours a day. This forecast is usually good for overnight hours.
- **SPX FORECAST:** This forecast is based on data that is available after the open and is designed only for RTH (regular trading hours).

HOW CAN PREDICTIONS OF ALGONOX BE USED?

There are many ways that the information provided by Algonox can help a trader to have an edge over other traders. For example:

- **FUTURES:** A trader can go long ES contracts at the forecasted low and short ES contracts at the forecasted high.
- **SPX OPTIONS:** A trader can sell SPX put credit spreads at the forecasted low and sell SPX call credit spreads at the forecasted high. The short leg of the put spreads can be placed right below the forecasted low and the short leg of the call spreads above the high.
 - These positions should be entered when price is close to algo low and high. For example, if Algonox gives 3910 and 3930 for forecasted low and high, a trader can sell a 3905/3910 ODTE put spread when price reaches 3910 and sell a 3930/3935 call spread when price hits 3930. For more safety (higher probability of winning but lower credit received), a trader can sell a PCS below algo low - error (error = $\frac{1}{3}$ of predicted range) and sell a CCS above algo high + error.

- **SPY Options:** Another way to use the forecast is by trading SPY put or call options. A trader can buy SPY call options at the forecasted low of SPX and buy SPY put options at the forecasted high of SPX.

How Accurate Are Algonox's Predictions?

Algonox's predictions are based on probability and therefore have errors associated with them, similar to any other statistical signal. Based on our backtesting results over 23,000 data points, the accuracy of Algonox is as follows:

- **Forecasted High:** This forecast is the most accurate: within 5 points with a probability of 68%. Note that this is the average error over the last 20 years including when SPX average range was only 10-20 points. In terms of "relative error" (relative to range of day), error is about $\frac{1}{4}$ of predicted range for algo high. Example: if Algonox predicts the high of the day to be 3930 and low of day 3900, that means there is a 68% probability that the actual high is between 3922.5 and 3937.5 (here predicted range is 30 points, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of range is 7.5 points). For the weekly forecast, the accuracy is 10 points with a probability of 68%. In terms of "relative error" (relative to range of week), error is about $\frac{1}{4}$ of predicted range for algo high.
- **Forecasted Low:** The accuracy is 7 points with a probability of 68%. In terms of "relative error" (relative to range of day), error is about $\frac{1}{3}$ of predicted range for algo low. For a weekly low forecast, the accuracy is 14 points with 68% probability. In terms of "relative error" (relative to range of week), error is about $\frac{1}{3}$ of predicted range for algo low.

Other points about accuracy:

- Algonox levels work best on first touch, so if a support level touches once, rallies and then comes back to retest that level, the chance of a second reversal is decreased.
- Algonox works best in a trending market. During a major correction (at tops or bottoms), or if there is big news or an exogenous event, it may take a few days to adapt to the new environment. In these circumstances, until recalibration of Algonox is achieved, the forecast's error may be higher than normal. This should not happen often.
- Algo levels don't always hit before major reversals. For example, if the market has been in a long-term downtrend, reversals may occur before forecasted algo low level is reached. The daily market commentary will usually alert you if this is a possibility.

TIPS TO USE ALGONOX

Similar to other trading tools or signals, there are tips that will enable you to use Algonox more effectively. These tips are based on our experience using Algonox over time.

1. Using the levels in conjunction with other trading signals and technical analysis increases the probability of a winning trade. Generally, it's good to wait for *signs of reversals* at the forecasted levels (e.g., 15-min doji, hammer, shooting star, etc.) before entering a trade.
2. As mentioned earlier, there are two sets of forecasts (overnight and RTH). Both forecasts provide intraday support and resistance; therefore, you should take them both into account for day trading. The probability that no level is hit either in ES (overnight) nor in SPX (cash market) is low. This means that even though ES levels might not hit overnight, we usually see those levels being hit during RTH.
3. Sometimes there is a strong bullish or bearish bias in the market. At these times, put more weight on the forecast (ES vs SPX) that is aligned with the trend. For example, if we are in a strong bullish trend and Algonox predicts 3935 for the ES high and 3930 for the SPX high, chances are the higher number will hit. Also, in a strong uptrend, it's better to go long at algo low + error, rather than just algo low. We normally provide the expected bias of the market in our market commentary.
4. Conservative traders should trade based on the more conservative target of ES and SPX forecasts. For example, if a trader has long positions in ES and the ES forecasted high is 3930 with a SPX forecasted high of 3935, the trader should exit the long position at 3930 (lesser of the two). A similar argument holds for short positions.
5. We usually recommend exiting long trades prior to the forecasted high (within the error threshold). For example, for a long position in SPX and a forecasted high of 3930, you may consider exiting the long position around the 3922.5 (3930 - 7.5 error) level. A similar strategy is recommended for exiting short positions. Aggressive traders can wait for the actual targets and signs of reversal at those levels.
6. It is always recommended to look at the weekly forecast in addition to the daily forecast. For example, if the forecast is 3950 for the weekly high, and the forecast on Tuesday is 3955 for the daily high, it is better to exit long positions at 3950 (where the weekly forecast is).

Just as different traders have different risk appetites and trading styles, there are many ways to use Algonox. We recommend spending a few days or weeks trying out different approaches till you find what works for you. Help is always available in the Discord community.

2) Using Static Algo Levels

SPX algo levels are posted at 9:31am EST and designed for RTH hours only. ES levels are posted before 6:00pm EST and are good for overnight hours. There are two general strategies you can use based on these levels:

- **REVERSAL TRADES AT ALGO LEVELS (USING LEVELS AS SUPPORT/RESISTANCE)**
- **TRADES TOWARDS ALGO LEVELS (USING LEVELS AS TARGETS)**

Three main instruments can be used to trade these strategies: **ES FUTURES**, **SPX OR SPY OPTIONS**, and **ETFs** which track SPX (or even individual stocks, as most are correlated with SPX). Here are some ideas for trading these strategies and instruments.

REVERSAL TRADES

For reversal trades using futures or ETFs, buy to open a long position when SPX algo low hits (or 5 points above to get more chance of filling). Stop loss can be 10-15 points below algo low and profit target can be half of the range. Example: if algo low/high are 3800/3900, buy to open a long position around 3800-3805, with a 3785-90 stop loss and a 3850 profit target. You can short algo high using a similar approach.

If you trade SPX or SPY options, several strategies are possible:

- **CREDIT SPREADS:** You can sell ODTE put credit spreads when SPX hits algo low with the short leg of the spreads 10 points below the low. Example: sell ODTE 3780/3790 put credit spreads when SPX hits 3800 or sell 3910/3920 call credit spreads when SPX hits 3900 (or even form an iron condor for higher premium).
- **DEBIT SPREADS:** ¹ You can buy a 5-wide call debit spread at algo low, using algo high – error (error: ¼ of range) as a target. Construct the spread so the short leg is at algo high –

¹ Choosing between debit and credit spreads is a personal matter. With debit spreads, margin requirements are usually lower, max loss is capped, and potential gain is higher than with credit spreads. The downside is theta decay: with credit spreads, time decay works in your favor since your goal is for your options to expire worthless; with debit spreads, your options may lose time value before price targets are reached.

error and sell the spread as soon as the short leg goes ATM. Example: if algo predicts 3900 low and 3960 high, the predicted range is 60 points and error is 15 points. When algo low hits, buy a 3945/3950 call debit spread and sell when price hits 3950.

- **NAKED OPTIONS:** You can also buy to open ATM or ITM naked calls at algo low or puts at algo high but this is not recommended due to theta decay.

SCALING INTO REVERSAL TRADES

The margin of error for the static algo is 1/3 of predicted range for algo low and 1/4 of predicted range for algo high. For example, if algo low/high are 3900/3960, the range is 60 points and error for algo low is 20 points; for algo high it is 15 points.

Scaling in can help you get a better entry price for reversal trades. Example: let's say the error for algo high is 10 points and algo high is 3900. When price reaches 3890 (algo high – error) you can sell to open 1/3 position of a 3910/3915 call credit spread (short leg = algo high + error), seeking to capitalize on a reversal. If price continues to go up and algo high is hit, you can sell to open another 1/3 position using the same strikes. Finally, if price goes up further and hits algo high + error (3910), you can sell to open 1/3 position call spread of 3920/3925 (short leg = algo high + 2* error). If price breaches 3910 significantly, there won't be any more adding to the position and the focus is on getting out. To summarize, the trade is:

- SOLD 1/3 3910/3915 CCS @ 3890
- SOLD 1/3 3910/3915 CCS @ 3900
- SOLD 1/3 3920/3925 CCS @ 3910

Scaling in like this satisfies two objectives: first, you won't miss out in case price comes short of algo high; second, it guarantees a better entry price in case higher error of algo high is reached. Similar trades can be applied using put spreads at algo low, and a trader can ideally form an iron condor using this strategy to maximize the credit that is received.

TRADES USING LEVELS AS TARGETS

To trade toward algo levels, one idea is to enter a position at market open in which the profit target is whichever level is *furthest* from the opening price. Example: if algo high/low are 3900/3800 and price opens at 3830, you may go long at the open using 3900 as a target and 3790 as your stop.

GENERAL TIPS

- With all strategies, it's recommended that you raise your stop loss to breakeven as soon as you're 5-10 points in profit.
- Use technical analysis and the daily commentary to fine tune your exits. For example, if the day is expected to be bullish, you can aim to exit trades closer to algo high, instead of at half of the predicted range.

3) Using Dynamic Algo Levels

SPX daily dynamic algo (DA) levels are posted every hour on the half-hour during the trading day, starting at 10:30am EST. They are designed to factor in price action after market open and “finetune” the static algo levels that are posted at 9:31am. Similarly, weekly dynamic algo levels are posted throughout the week to adjust the static weekly levels that are posted on Monday.

Note that dynamic algo targets are high/low for the entire day/week (including time before it is posted) and not from the time posted to EOD. Here are some ways to use the dynamic algo.

ADJUSTING PROFIT TARGETS AND STOP LOSSES

You can use the closer of the static and DA levels as a profit target. For example, if the static algo daily high is 4000 and the DA is 3990, it may be prudent to exit all or most longs at the lower number, since it is more likely to be hit.

You can also use dynamic algo for adjusting stop losses. For example, on a day when the static algo gives a low of 3900 and DA gives a low of 3890 you can adjust your stop loss on longs to 3870 (DA low -20, using 1/3 of 60-point range as margin of error).

CHOOSING WHICH DIRECTION TO TRADE

Both daily and weekly DA can help you determine the direction to trade that provides the best risk/reward. For example, if the dynamic weekly algo gives a low/high of 3900/4000 and by Wednesday, the current low/high of the week are 3940/3980, then the better risk/reward for the rest of the week is to the downside (40 points potential to the downside vs. 20 points potential upside).

SCALING INTO AND ADJUSTING IRON CONDORS AND CREDIT SPREADS

For daily iron condors, you can sell 1/2 the condor at open (to take advantage of maximum theta decay) and leg into more call spreads and put spreads closer to algo targets to collect more premium. During the day, if the DA changes targets significantly, you can move that side of the condor so it is still away from the dynamic targets.

This also works with weekly condors. For example, let's say static weekly algo targets are 3980/4100 and Arastoo opens a weekly 3960/3950 PCS and 4115/4125 CCS on Monday. By Wednesday, DA raised the targets to 4000/4120. You leave the puts alone (since they're

probably safe) but BTC (buy to close) the call side at 4115/4125 and STO (sell to open) a new one at 4125/4135 to protect against the increased expected upside.

GENERAL TIPS

- When using dynamic algo, pay attention to its progress and rate of change over time. If, for example, the daily DA low becomes stable over two hours or more (i.e., its value doesn't change), it provides some confirmation that the low of day may be in.
- Even though daily DA levels are designed for high and low of the day, usually in the next HOUR after they are posted they provide support and resistance. So, if either level is hit in the next hour, you may fade the move (i.e., play for a reversal), at least for a scalp.
- The DA margin of error is the same as for the static algo: $\frac{1}{4}$ of predicted range for algo high and $\frac{1}{3}$ of predicted range for algo low. For example, if algo high/low are 3960/3900, the range is 60 points and error for algo high is 15 points, for algo low it is 20 points.

4) Using Technical Levels & Commentary

Arastoo posts pre-market notes every day, providing two support levels and two resistance levels for the day. These levels are based on technical analysis and independent of the algo; they generally give at least 10-15 points reversal with 80-85% chance. For better odds, you may combine these technical levels with algo levels; when they match, it's almost a guaranteed win.

Daily pre market notes for 3/22

Today first support is at 3995/4000. Below that 3980/85 is next critical support for C today. Below 3970, things get bearish and next is 3945/55, then 3925/30.

On the upside, first resistance is at around 4015/20. Above 4020 we can get short squeeze and door is opened for 4035, then 4045/50 and 4065.

If we go lower first, you can go long at supports above with 3965 as stop. If we go higher first, you can short at resistances above with 4025 as stop.

If you're a risk taker, you can go long or short at these levels without waiting for confirmation (especially early in the session, when moves can be fast). You can also use short-term charts (1- or 3-minutes) or, if you're more conservative, wait for a 5- or 15-minute reversal candle to confirm the move. There is a tradeoff between the risk you take by waiting for confirmation and how much you can gain, so it's up to you. Stops can be 10-15 points from each entrance.

You can also scale in and out at the two supports and resistances. For example, buy 1 ES contract at first support and add another at second support, if reached. If second support is breached significantly (10-15 points), you can start to exit gradually (e.g., 1 ES for every 10-15-points breached). This is a fine approach for traders who have smaller accounts. Those who have large accounts can hold, since 90-95% of the time price will get back to break even, if

you can wait till close of the session. Stop loss can be the session closing price if levels are breached significantly AND you're unable to exit at break even before the close.

If you combine these technical levels with algo levels, your probability of winning increases significantly. TA levels produce reversals 80% of the time; algo levels also produce reversals 80% of the time, so if the two levels are close (since they're derived independently), the probability of a bounce is around 95%. Simple statistics: $(1 - (1 - 0.8)^2) = 0.96$.

TRADING WITH THE TREND

In an uptrend, focus on going long rather than short. Whether we are in a buy-the-dip or sell-the-rip mode depends on the "LIS" (lines in sand) that Arastoo posts, as well as what is happening on longer timeframes (4-hour, daily, weekly). If the outlook for the day is bullish and the trend is up, it's almost better to go long at support than it is short at resistance. If you decide to take a counter trend trade, it is suggested that you do it with a smaller position (e.g., micro-futures instead of minis) and manage risk more carefully.

Pay attention to Arastoo's ongoing commentary throughout the day, as these comments provide adjustments to his pre-market notes. In particular, if Arastoo says, "HOD (high-of-day) or LOD (low-of-day) is probably in," one idea is to sell a put credit spread (PCS) or call credit spread a few points (5-10 points) above or below the major support or resistance of the day (you can also use dynamic algo to help you determine your strikes). If you wish, you can hedge these trades with futures, e.g., shorting ES or MES if your PCS comes under pressure; that way, your futures hedge will make up for the loss of your option spread (since we almost always get a good drop or rally once the LIS breaks).

GENERAL TIPS

- When volatility is high, it's better to reduce position size and widen stop loss to avoid getting shaken out of a trade too easily.
- Just as price action may sometimes come a bit short of algo levels, price may not hit technical levels to the penny. It's always a good idea to front-run levels by a little bit.
- For stop loss, you can also use a "time stop"; e.g., you exit at EOD if your trade didn't win by then. This method is usually better for those with larger accounts.
- Normally, if the second set of support or resistance is breached, it means that day is an outlier (2-3 Sigma move) and a trend day that won't stop until the end of the day. On those days, it's better to just get out of the way or switch sides to ride the strong trend.

5) Using Iron Condors

Iron Condors (ICs) are especially suited to take advantage of Algonox's daily and weekly levels. Arastoo provides members with one weekly IC trade every week and two ICs per day (based on static and dynamic Algo levels).

IRON CONDORS AND ALGONOX

ICs combine a (bullish) Put Credit Spread (PCS) and a (bearish) Call Credit Spread (CCS). The PCS is placed a few points below the Algonox predicted low for the day/week, and the CCS is placed a few points above the high, to account for the algo's margin of error. So long as SPX closes inside the predicted range (i.e., between the short strikes), the ICs expire worthless and maximum profit is achieved. Both daily and weekly ICs have an expected win rate of 85%.

WEEKLY IRON CONDORS

Weekly IC trades are posted shortly after market open on Mondays and based on the algo's SPX predicted high/low for the week. Arastoo's trade announcement always looks something like this:

STO 4050/4060 CCS expire 3/24 STO 3720/3710 PCS expire 3/24
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Translation: *"Sell to Open 4050/4060 Call Credit Spread that expires Friday, March 24; Sell to Open 3720/3710 Put Credit Spread that expires Friday, March 24."*

Each spread is 10-points-wide and the goal is to receive at least **\$1.50 total credit from BOTH sides of the trade**. Keeping your Risk/Reward at \$8.50/\$1.50 ensures you will be statistically profitable over time with the 85% win rate that the strategy provides.²

DAILY IRON CONDORS

The first of the daily IC trades is posted after market open and based on the static algo's SPX high/low for the day. The second IC trade is posted shortly after 10:30AM and based on the first dynamic algo of the day. The announcement format is identical to the weekly IC.

² On "big data" weeks, such as FOMC, CPI, and OPEX, the weekly algo may be less accurate than usual. It's a good idea to either avoid the weekly IC on those occasions or close it before the data comes out.

Each spread is 5-points-wide and the goal is to receive at **least \$0.75 credit from BOTH sides of the trade**. Keeping your Risk/Reward at \$4.25/\$0.75 ensures you will be statistically profitable over time with the 85% win rate that the strategy provides.

SCALING IN

If you can't get \$1.50 for the weekly or \$0.75 for the daily IC, one option is to scale in one leg at a time. For example, if price rises toward algo high, you can sell the CCS, which will probably be offering a good premium at that point (sometimes even more than the original IC offered). Then, if price drops toward the other end of the range, sell the PCS and you're now in the IC. You can also sell 1/2 position at the open to get max theta (time) decay and then 1/2 CCS near algo high and 1/2 PCS near algo low to get a better premium.

MINIMIZING RISK

So long as you receive \$0.75 for the daily or \$1.50 for the weekly, the ICs don't need a stop loss; your max loss is simply the long side of the spreads. The goal is to collect enough credit 85% of the time that even if you suffer a max loss on 15% of the trades, you still make money over time. So, follow the rules and don't freak out if you see a trade going against you.

However, there are things you can do to minimize losses. Always pay attention to the first hourly candle; e.g., if you see a big gap up (over 1%) and a red hourly shooting star candle, it can indicate a gap-and-crap day. A big red candle in the first hour can also imply a big down trending day. On those days, you may wish to kill the PCS if you entered at the open or delay entering if you didn't. You can also wait for dynamic algo levels to start converging (i.e., showing a fixed low over two hours or more) and then sell the PCS below the DA low. This way, even if your position at open is losing, you can still get some credit to help offset the loss.

GENERAL TIPS

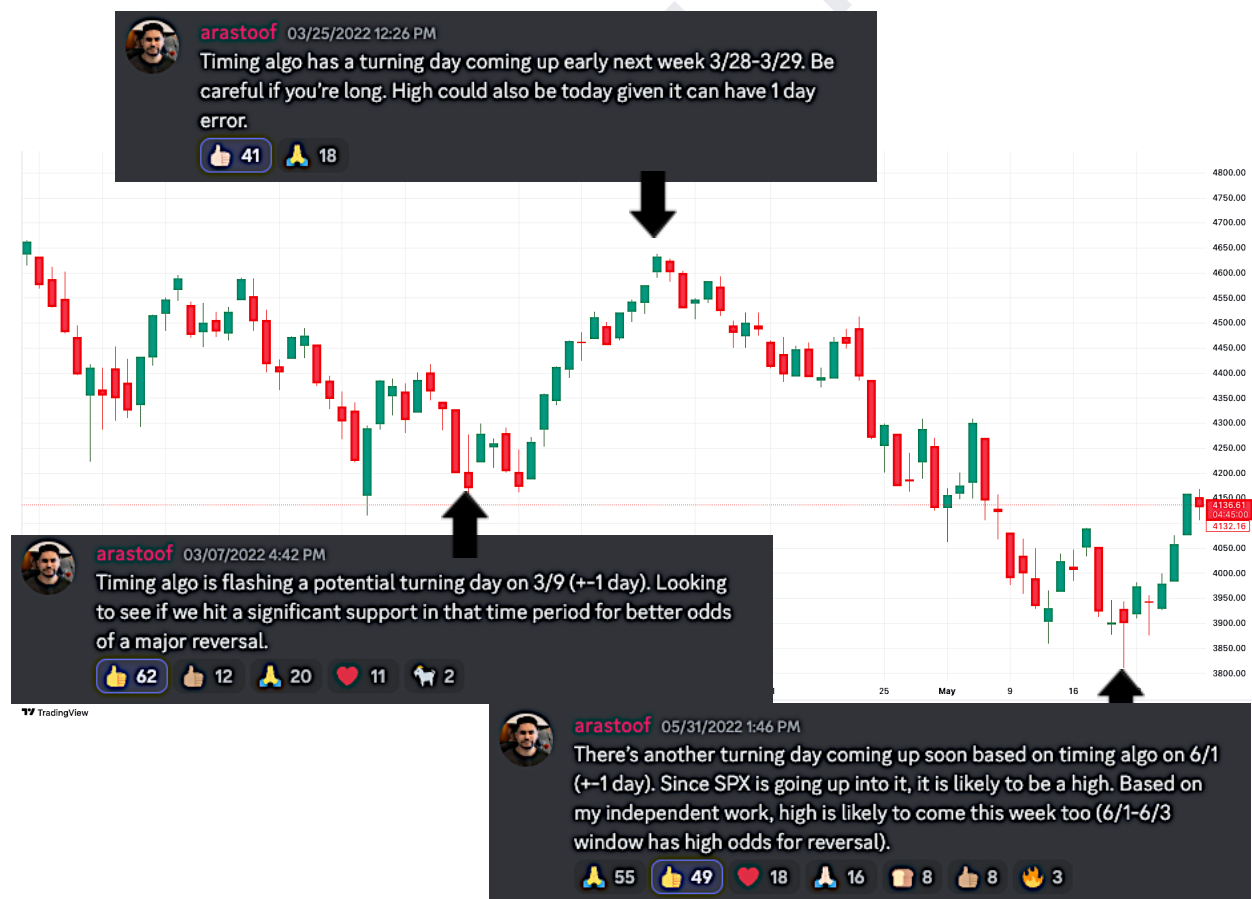
- If there is less than \$0.75 credit available for the daily ICs, you can go ahead and accept less credit and then set your stop loss at 3X of credit received. So, if you receive \$0.50 credit, place your max loss at \$1.50.
- If you're close to max profit (say, 80-85% of max profit), it's often a good idea to close your position so last-hour shenanigans don't go against you.

6) Using Turning Days

Sometimes, Arastoo will say that a “turning day” is coming up. A turning day is a point in time when the market trend changes. For example, if the price goes down into a turning day (or prints candles with lower low on the daily chart), the expectation is that the price will go up after that day at least for a few days and usually until the next turning day.

Sometimes, turning days are “minor” and only cause a change in trend for a few days and 75-100 points move. Sometimes, turning days are “major” and cause longer term change in trend both in terms of time (e.g., more than a few days) and in terms of price (e.g., more than 200 points). You will always be alerted in advance whether a turning date is “major” or “minor.”

Arastoo’s turning days are based on a proprietary algorithm and are usually posted a day to a week in advance, as data becomes available.



STRATEGIES FOR USING TURNING DAYS

Usually, the best strategy is to look at the trend prior to turning day and if the trend is clear, play for a reversal. You can either *sell* calls/puts (or credit spreads) a few weeks out or, to be more aggressive, *buy* shorter-dated calls/puts (maybe a week out) and take profit after a 75-100 point move. You may also play turning dates with 3X ETFs or futures. As always, it depends on your own preferences, skill level, and risk appetite.

Turning days are easiest to use when there is a clear trend leading into them. Sometimes, turning days come after a period of chop and consolidation with no clear trend so it's not easy to predict how these days will play out (to the upside or downside). In these situations, it's better to be "ready" for a big move and try to ride part of it after the move has begun, using your preferred strategy (credit/debit spreads, ETFs, futures, etc.).

Turning days normally have a one-day margin of error and rarely 2-3 days. If more than three days pass and the market has still not turned, it's simply invalid. This happens less than 20% of the time.

7) Frequently Used Acronyms

These acronyms are frequently used in the chat.

AH = AFTER HOURS

ATH = ALL TIME HIGH

ATM = AT THE MONEY

BE = BREAK EVEN

BTC = BUY TO CLOSE

CCS = CALL CREDIT SPREAD

CDS = CALL DEBIT SPREAD

CS = CALL SPREAD

DA = DYNAMIC ALGO

DTE = DAYS TO EXPIRATION

EMA = EXPONENTIAL MOVING AVERAGE

EOD = END OF DAY

EOM = END OF MONTH

EOW = END OF WEEK

ETH = EXTENDED TRADING HOURS

HHHL = HIGHER HIGH/HIGHER LOW

HVN = HIGH VALUE NODE

IC = IRON CONDOR

ITM = IN THE MONEY

IV = IMPLIED VOLATILITY

LHLL = LOWER HIGH/LOWER LOW

LIS = LINE IN SAND

LT = LONG TERM

LVN = LOW VALUE NODE

MA = MOVING AVERAGE

MP = MARKET PROFILE

NATH = NEW ALL-TIME HIGH

NHOD = NEW HIGH OF DAY

ONH/HON = OVERNIGHT HIGH

ONL/LON = OVERNIGHT LOW

OTM = OUT OF THE MONEY

PCS = PUT CREDIT SPREAD

PDC = PREVIOUS DAY CLOSE

PDS = PUT DEBIT SPREAD

PDT = PATTERN DAY TRADING

PM = PRE-MARKET

POC = POINT OF CONTROL

PS = PUT SPREAD

PT = PROFIT TARGET

RSI = RELATIVE STRENGTH INDEX

RTH = RETAIL/REGULAR TRADING HOURS

SL = STOP LOSS

SMA = SIMPLE MOVING AVERAGE

ST = SHORT TERM

STO = SELL TO OPEN

TA = TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

TF = TIME FRAME

TL = TREND LINE

TWAP = TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE

VAH = VALUE AREA HIGH

VAL = VALUE AREA LOW

VWAP = VOLUME WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE

8) Discord Tips & Netiquette

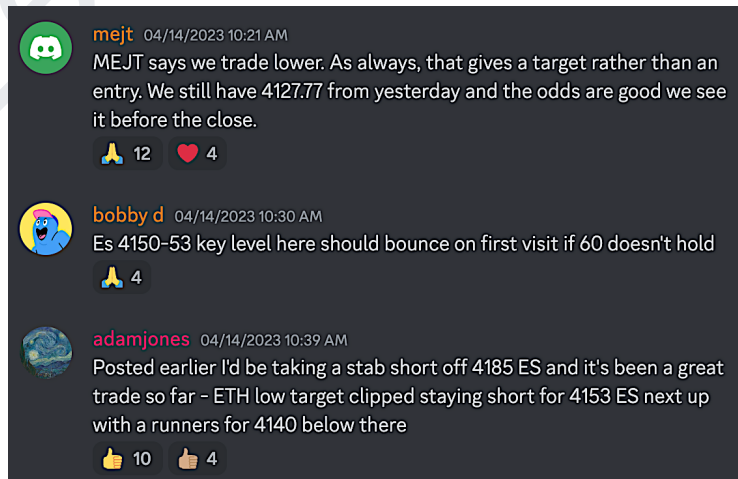
The Index Level Trading Discord group is an active community of hundreds of traders, ranging from people who are just starting to trade to former market makers who have been in the business for decades. We love welcoming new members, but like every community, we ask that you familiarize yourself with the community environment and follow a few basic rules.

NEW MEMBERS

Please read all the orientation materials so you have a basic understanding of how the static and dynamic algos work, turning days, frequently used acronyms, etc. Make sure you set a proper foundation for yourself to learn and prosper from our community.

We also recommend that new members spend a few days watching how algo levels work and how members use them before you start posting. Obviously, if you have any burning questions, post away! But our experience is that sitting back at the beginning helps you not only in terms of trading but in terms of integrating yourself into the “culture” of the community.

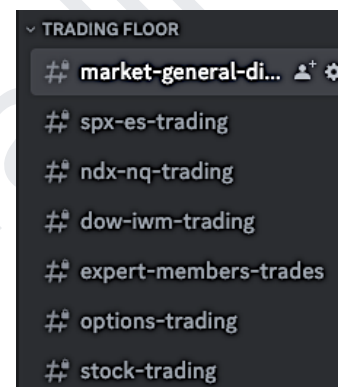
Pay attention to moderators and “Expert” traders! They are easily recognized by magenta or orange names; there’s also a dedicated **“expert-members-trades”** channel where many of these experts share analysis and specific trading ideas that you can follow. Mods (magenta) have the additional task of helping Arastoo maintain order in the community and are people you can reach out to if you’re having trouble with Discord or questions about anything.



Finally, if you're new, **set reasonable expectations!** Even if you've been trading for years, it will take time for you to learn how to apply the algo to your individual trading style. If you're just getting started with trading, that's great! We love helping new traders learn. But please don't expect to start making six-figures right off the bat; many new traders blow up their accounts by trading TOO LARGE before they're ready. Start small, build up your skills, and once you have a winning track record, you can begin to scale up.

USING DISCORD

Discord is a popular social platform for desktop and smartphone; this is how Arastoo shares algo levels, turning days, etc., and how members communicate, socialize, and share trading ideas. There are several channels for discussion, separated into categories, such as **ALGO LEVELS**, **Arastoo CHANNELS**, **TRADING FLOOR**, inside of which are individual channels, such as “**spx-es-trading**”, “**options-trading**,” and more. If you're new, spend some time clicking through the left-hand navigation to see which channels are most relevant to your style of trading. You may mute irrelevant channels to keep your Discord neater: just right-click the channel and make your selection.



There's a lot of information in Discord, but you can search the platform using keywords, which are shown when you click the “Search” window on the top bar. You can even nest search terms, e.g., “**from: @<name> in: #<channel> <text>**.” More information is available on Discord's support site: <https://support.discord.com/hc/en-us/articles/115000468588-Using-Search>.

TROUBLESHOOTING DISCORD

In our experience, Discord has been very reliable across all platforms and devices. Still, occasional problems occur, such as channels disappearing, being unable to view or respond to posts, etc. If you experience any problems using the app, we suggest you try the following:

1. Check that you haven't accidentally muted channels, collapsed categories, accidentally blocked other members, etc. Make sure you rule out user error.
2. Sign out, sign back in, and change your password.
3. Uninstall and reinstall the app.

If none of these efforts work, send a DM to one of the mods (not Arastoo) and they will take the next steps to resolve your issue. You can also check Discord's support site on your own: <https://support.discord.com/>.

ASKING QUESTIONS

We're big fans of asking questions, but some questions are already answered in the orientation materials or can be answered within 30 seconds by doing a Google or YouTube search, or even by searching related keywords in Discord. Asking those questions simply shows that people are either lazy or don't respect others' time.

Examples of questions you don't need to ask:

- ***How do I use algo levels?*** (Explained in the orientation materials)
- ***What is an Iron Condor?*** (Use Google)
- ***Do you think SPX will go to Level X before it goes to Level Y?*** (Unfortunately, nobody has a crystal ball; trading is about probabilities, not certainties)
- ***Has your view of SPX going to Level X changed?*** (Arastoo will post if his view changes)
- ***Do you think I should sell now?*** (We're not financial advisors and no one can make that decision for you. Arastoo provides levels and likely scenarios and you use that information as you wish)
- ***If I take the trade at support, where should I set my stop loss?*** (This depends on account size, risk tolerance, strategy of choice, and timeframe. The orientation materials provide suggestions, but the decision is ultimately yours)
- ***Should I trade futures or options?*** (Again, it's up to you)
- ***What data does the algo use? How did you get Date X for a turning day?*** (This is Arastoo's proprietary information. Would you share it if you had a proprietary product you worked hard to develop?)
- ***When will you post your next turning day?*** (Arastoo will post once we get close)

Examples of good questions:

- ***Below Level X, what is the next support level?***
- ***I did my own analysis and came up with this chart: do you think this level, pattern, channel, or trend line is valid?*** (Excellent! We love this kind of question)
- ***What is the main chart pattern you see in NDX?***
- ***Is Level X more important than Y? Which one is the main level? What level needs to break for the medium term outlook to change?*** (Assuming Arastoo hasn't already answered these questions)

You get the idea. The ultimate goal of trading is financial independence. Please demonstrate some independence while you're learning and we'll do all in our power to assist you.

NETIQUETTE

Reading orientation materials, asking good questions, and doing your own research before relying on others are common courtesy that show you respect yourself and others' time. In addition, we ask that members please:

- Do not tag Arastoo or expert members in posts during market hours. Remember that they are also traders and take time from their trading to post their views for others.
- Remember that "Experts" are paying members, like you, and are sharing their views for the good of the community. You may DM them, but please don't do it excessively.
- Do not share proprietary information from other paid services. This is not only unethical, it can also subject you to legal actions.
- Please do not post Tweets from other "furus" (financial gurus) in any of the main chat rooms. Our group uses Arastoo and "Expert" members as our main authorities and don't need outside views. If you must, please use the **"off-topic-chat"** channel.

Finally, please treat all members with respect. We're not Twitter and do not tolerate flame wars or personal insults. It's perfectly fine to block members you don't like; there's no need to engage them. If any posts are found to be inappropriate, they will be deleted and the offending member will be warned. Further consequences may include putting members on mute (so they can't post) or, in worst cases, expelling them from the community.

In practice, conflicts occur very rarely in our group; most members understand that we're all here for the same thing: to achieve financial freedom and help each other make money. We welcome all like-minded souls and look forward to trading together!