

The Raw Data

Week 1

24 / 25 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EU	Sell	3096	25 pip	-25	
EA	Sell	4448	45 pip	+76	
EU	Sell	3090	40 pip	+28	+79

25 / 26 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EU	Sell	4186	40 pip	+51	
UJ	Sell	97.63	35 pip	+54	
GJ	Sell	150.67	50 pip	+88	+193

26 / 27 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
GJ	Sell	150.94	45 pip	+30	
EJ	Sell	128.20	27 pip	+110	
EJ	Sell	127.70	30 pip	+61	
EA	Sell	140.94	50 pip	+75	+286

27 / 28 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EU	Sell	3025	25 pip	-7 Manual Exit	-7

28 / 29 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EU	Buy	3040	15 pip	+29	
EA	Buy	4110	50 pip	+93	+122

Week 2

01 / 02 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
No Trades Taken on this day					

02 / 03 July					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EJ	Buy	130.050	25 pip	+48	
AJ	Sell	91.90	30 pip	+32	
EU	Sell	3055	25 pip	+54	+134

03 / 04 July					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EA	Sell	4254	50 pip	-20 Manual Exit	
EU	Buy	2964	45 pip	+44	
UJ	Sell	100.41	45 pip	+55	+79

04 / 05 July					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
AJ	Sell	90.84	35 pip	Stopped at BE	
EU	Sell	2975	35 pip	+74	+74

05 / 06 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
NU	Sell	78.15	25 pip	-10 Manual Exit	
EJ	Sell	129.29	35 pip	+64	
EA	Sell	4115	20 pip	+62	+118

Week 3

08/ 09 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EJ	Sell	129.85	40 pip	+41	+41

09/ 10 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EA	Sell	4082	30 pip	+62	+62

10/ 11 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EA	Sell	3927	35 pip	-35	
EA	Sell	3927	50 pip	+10 (SL hit)	-25

11/ 12 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EJ	Sell	129.73	45 pip	+10 (SL hit)	
EU	Sell	3084	50 pip	+40	
EA	Buy	4135	50 pip	+117	+167

12/ 13 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EU	Sell	3076	30 pip	+68	+68

Week 4

15/ 16 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EJ	Buy	2976	30 pip	+77	+77

16/ 17 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
No Trades Taken on this day					

17/ 18 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EU	Sell	3146	35 pip	Stopped at BE	

18/ 19 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
EA	Buy	4225	40 pip	+79	+79

19/ 20 June					
Currency Pair	Buy / Sell	Enter Price	Stop Loss	Profit / Loss	Daily Total
GJ	Buy	152.45	40 pip	+63	
EA	Sell	4305	30 pip	+82	+145

Review of the results - Week 1

Number of Trades Taken:	13
Win / Loss rate:	11 / 2
Biggest Single Gain:	+110 pips
Biggest Single Loss:	- 25 pips
Nett Profit:	+673 pips
Daily Average:	+134.6 pips

Review of the results - Week 2

Number of Trades Taken:	11
Win / Loss rate:	8 / 2 (plus 1 @ BE)
Biggest Single Gain:	+74 pips
Biggest Single Loss:	- 20 pips
Nett Profit:	+405 pips
Daily Average:	+81 pips

Review of the results - Week 3

Number of Trades Taken:	8
Win / Loss rate:	7 / 1
Biggest Single Gain:	+117 pips
Biggest Single Loss:	- 35 pips
Nett Profit:	+338 pips
Daily Average:	+67.6 pips

Review of the results - Week 4

Number of Trades Taken:	5
Win / Loss rate:	4 / 0 (plus 1 @ BE)
Biggest Single Gain:	+82 pips
Biggest Single Loss:	-
Nett Profit:	+301 pips
Daily Average:	+60.2 pips

Number of Trades Taken

What is noticeable in the numbers above is the number of trades taken diminishes every week, from 13 in the first week, to 5 in the last week. That's not to say that other trades were not available, just that other trades were not available to me in the times that I am able to trade, for reasons such as my time zone etc. I have tried to be consistent during this 4 week period, and so I think the ever decreasing number of trades take reflects that the market has entered more of a consolidation period and left the trending period behind.

In short, because the trends have been harder to find as the weeks went by, so the opportunities have become less on the M15 TF. During this period I noticed that the frequency of trades on the M5 TF was not greatly affected. Also, there were opportunities in last 2 weeks to enter M5 trades which could have given 30 - 50 pips but by the time the M15 signal was generated, the move was finished and an M15 entry was not possible. Food for thought!

Point 1: M15 trades are harder to come by when the market is consolidating or in a fairly tight range.

Win / Loss rate

The win/loss rate is very good. I'm not sure whether it is much higher than a straight M5 win/loss rate, it depends on a few factors such as the time zone of the trader and consequently, the markets traded, experience, patience etc etc.

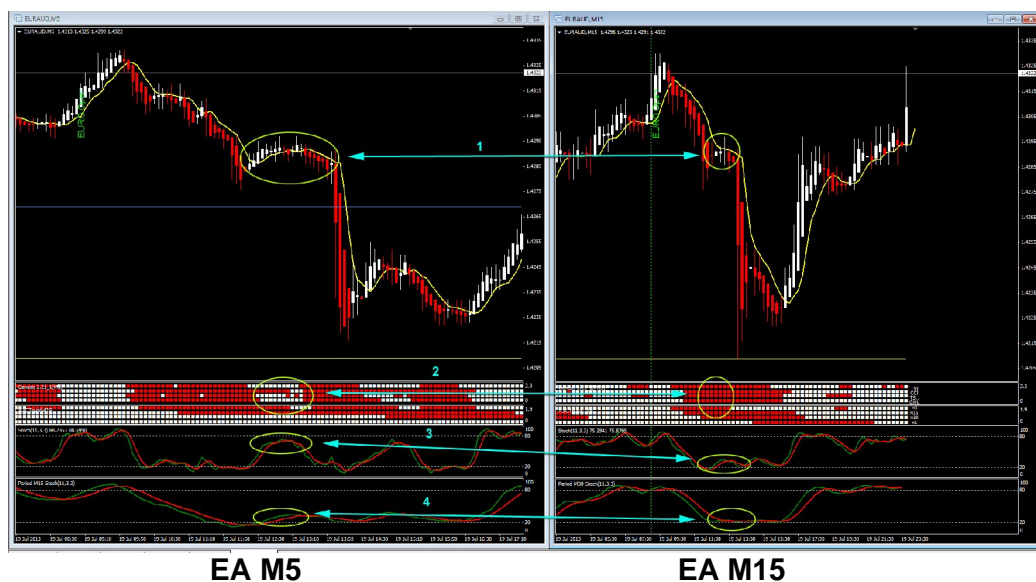
What is fairly obvious is the larger stop loss required in many cases. In some case the SL is just too large to even consider for a day trade. Generally it seems that when we get a reversal in PA, which we have had a few times in this test period, then a very large SL will be called for by the time that an entry signal is generated....or....the signal is simply too late to consider an entry. Sudden reversals are often difficult to deal with, and they do depend on experience and 'bending the rules', and as such, I have tried to avoid doing that in this test. Personally I am not happy about SL's over 30 pips, but I had to 'follow the rules' for this test so SL's of 35, 40, 50 were used.

Point 2: Win / loss rate does not seem to be radically different. It may be slightly better on the M15 TF, but that is not clear because the entries are somewhat up to the experience and other factors of the trader.

Point 3: There is no doubt that in many instances a wide (or large) SL is required.

Biggest Single Gain

In many cases I believe that the biggest single gain of the week is higher than would be the case when just using the M5 TF to trade. During the second week of the test I noticed that sometimes I would have been 'shaken out' of a trade if I was using the M5 TF because pullbacks can often be confused with reversals in the making. Consider the 2 charts below, both of the same currency pair and taken at the same time. M5 on the left, M15 on the right.



You can see at #1, the M5 PA has halted it's bear run and may, for some reason, be in early stages of a reversal....or it may be just 'breathing.'. Either way, for the moment the DP looks like it may not get touched. So, is an exit in order?? If we go across and look at the M15 chart at the same level, it too is a cause for some concern, although the case here appears to be weaker for a reversal in the making, and stronger for simple market 'breathing.'

We will have to look at more than just PA in order to make a decision, so we look at the Matrix (2). The Matrix on the M5 is making a fairly strong case to exit.....the ASCTrend is adding further weight towards an exit. But, if we go across the page and look at the M15 Matrix...nothing!!! The M15 Matrix is not even remotely interested.....it's completely red and is not at all interested in an exit. ASCTrend is not interested either.

Looking now at the Stoch M5 on the left, M15 on the right (3), we can see that the M5 stoch could also be supporting an exit, but the M15 (on the right) is hardly moving. Certainly not enough to be concerned about.

Looking at the bottom stoch, M15 on the left, M30 on the right, both seem to be suggesting that there is no cause for concern.....stay bearish.

Summary: For the M5 trade on the left, there are some reasonably convincing reasons to exit the trade and take the profit. Probably the only thing supporting the case to stay in the trade is the bottom stoch, but it is a lone voice and so an exit might be in order. We can see that the bear run did indeed carry on, but the secondary move was so strong that we may not have had a chance to re-enter.

On the other hand, the M15 chart shows that there was little reason to be concerned. Certainly moving the SL to BE would have removed all risk completely, and the SL would never have been under any threat, so we would have taken the trade all the way to S1, instead of taking an exit at only 30% of the move.

Biggest Single Loss

This related to the wider SL than on the M5 which I have already mentioned :-)

Nett Profit & Daily Average

As with the 'Number of Trades Taken' the Nett Profit and Daily Average have also diminished, of course! Once again, I have already spoken about this, and it is a result of the market trend finishing and the consolidation period ending.

Observations

During this 4 week test I noticed more and more, especially as we got further into the consolidation period, that the M15 trades were harder to find. M5 trades were still plentiful, as I have mentioned before. So this is an advantage of the M5 TF.....the entire are not greatly affected by consolidation in comparison with the M15 entries.

When we have a decent trending period, like in the first week of testing, it can be reasonably easy to enter an M15 trade, and then to take maximum advantage of it without being shaken out of the trade by small pullbacks that might make a person exit on the M5.

Conclusion

The test has revealed that trading solely on the M15 TF is easily possible and is certainly profitable. The TF excels at taking advantage of intraday trades although the SL can be expensive at times, especially when the entry comes as a result of a reversal or a strong movement.

In consolidating markets it is still possible to enter some good trades, but the frequency of these trades becoming available is much reduced. Many possible trades simply cannot be entered because the consolidation swings are relatively small....50 pips more or less, and by the time a signal on M15 is generated, the move is all but over and the trade is no longer a high probability.

M15 has the advantages of less chance of being shaken out of a trade and is therefore a possible better option to use than M5 in a trending market. The disadvantages discussed above make this TF somewhat difficult to trade in a consolidating or tight range market. Given that markets trend less than they range/consolidate, in my opinion, M15 trading is not ideally suited to the Genesis System.