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The **New Day Opening Gap (NDOG)** refers to the price difference between the market's closing price and its reopening price in the following day.

For example, in U.S. indices, the market closes at 5 PM (New York time) and reopens at 6 PM (New York time).

Traders use this analytical method to monitor liquidity flows and implement the **ICT strategy**.

For more information and access to the NDOG indicator, refer to the links below:

➔ [NDOG Indicator for MetaTrader 4;](#)

➔ [NDOG Indicator for MetaTrader 5;](#)

➔ [NDOG Indicator for TradingView;](#)





1. **Identify the gap:** Mark the previous day's closing price and the new day's opening price (NDOG) on the chart;
2. **Observe price reaction:** If the price tends to fill the gap, apply a gap-fill strategy. If the price moves toward the gap, traders should seek confirmation of trend continuation;
3. **Enter the trade:** For a gap-fill strategy, enter trades opposite to the gap direction. For a trend continuation strategy, enter trades in the gap's direction;
4. **Exit the trade:** Set your **take profit** and **stop loss** levels by using key price levels or the point where the price returns to the gap's starting position.

Finding Entry Points Using the 50% NDOG Level

One of the most important NDOG trading methods involves the **50% level** of the gap. This level often triggers significant price reactions.

To calculate the exact **50% level**, use the **0**, **0.5**, and **1 levels** of Fibonacci tool.

Applications of NDOG in Trading

- ⚡ **Identifying key levels:** NDOG and **NWOG gaps** are reference points for support and resistance levels;
- ⚡ **Plotting multiple NDOGs:** Draw at least five NDOGs on the chart for better understanding of price behavior;
- ⚡ **Analyzing lower timeframes:** After identifying NDOGs on daily charts, switch to lower timeframes (e.g., 5- or 15-minute) to find precise entry points

Key Times for Using NDOG

1. **Early trading hours:** The first 1-2 hours after the market opens are critical for identifying and trading gaps;
2. **Trading sessions:** Price reactions to gaps vary across **different market sessions** (Asia, Europe, US):

SESSIONS (ASIA, EUROPE, U.S.),

3. **London session:** High volumes and frequent gap fills;
4. **New York session:** Confirmation or continuation of gap trends.

Advanced NDOG Tips

- ⚡ **Multi-day gaps:** Gaps spanning multiple trading days provide stronger levels for analysis;
- ⚡ **Larger-than-average gaps:** Pay attention to gaps larger than the daily average for significant signals;
- ⚡ **Market trend alignment:** Gaps aligned with the overall market trend are more likely to succeed;
- ⚡ **Monitor news and data:** Gaps caused by economic news or significant reports offer stronger signals.

NDOG Buy Strategy

In bullish scenarios, the strategy splits into two approaches:

- ⚡ **Price above the NDOG level:** Wait for the price to return to the NDOG level and test it. After observing signs of price reversal on **lower** timeframes (like market structure shift), enter a **buy position**, targeting liquidity levels;
- ⚡ **Price below the NDOG level:** If the price tests the NDOG level and **closes** above it, this level acts as **support**; It will confirm the bullish analysis.





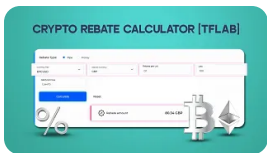
NDOG Schematic (Fair Value Gap) in a Bullish Trend

The Nasdaq chart in the 5-minute timeframe illustrates the functioning of NDOG (New Day Opening Gap) in an **uptrend**.

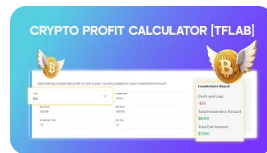


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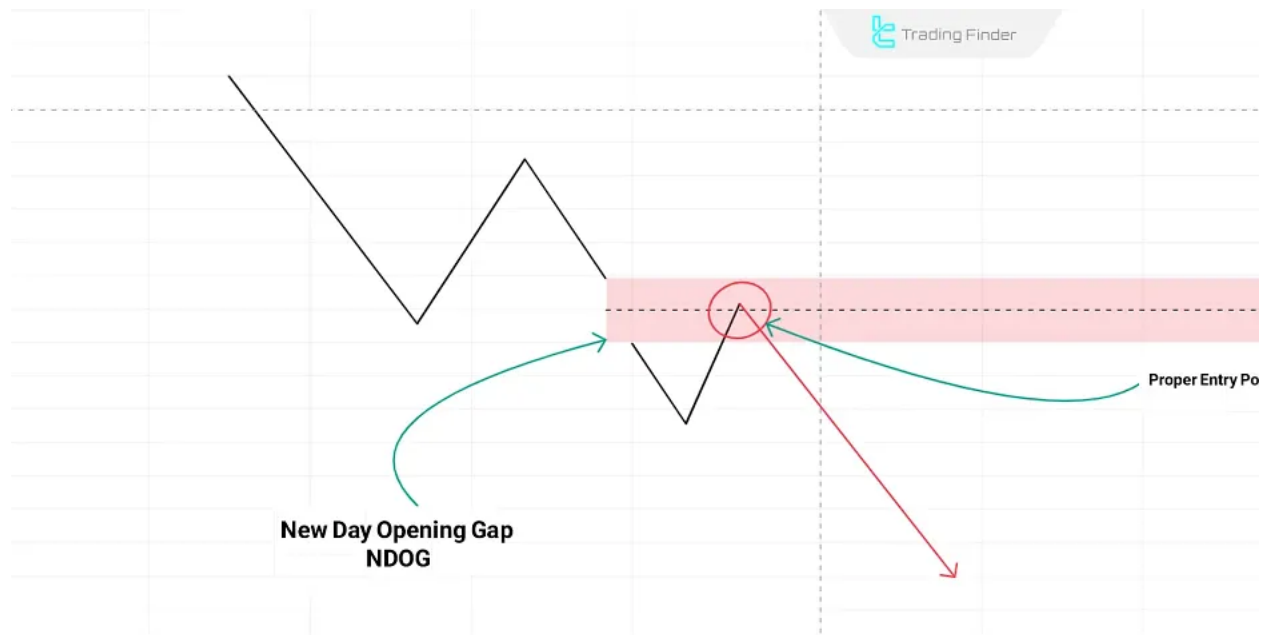
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NDOG Sell Strategy

In bearish scenarios, the strategy splits into two approaches:

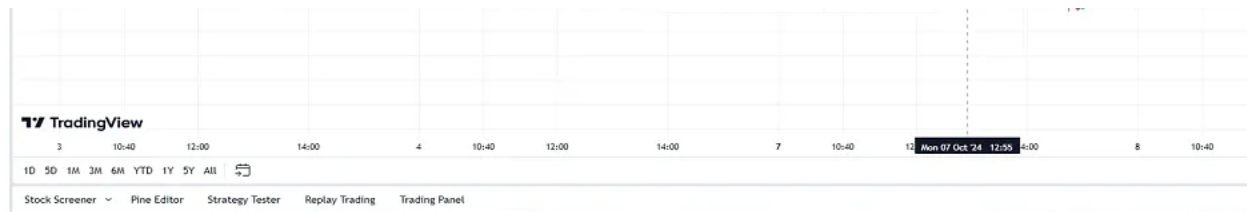
- ⚡ **Price below the NDOG level:** Wait for the price to return to the NDOG level and test it. After observing signs of price reversal on lower timeframes (e.g., structure changes), enter a **sell position**, targeting liquidity levels;
- ⚡ **Price above the NDOG level:** If the price tests the NDOG level and closes below it, this level acts as resistance, confirming the bearish analysis.



NDOG Schematic (Fair Value Gap) in a Bearish Trend

The Dow Jones chart in the 5-minute timeframe illustrates how **NDOG** (New Day Opening Gap) operates in a **downtrend**.





NDOG (Fair Value Gap) in a Bearish Trend

Comparison of NDOG Across Markets

Comparing markets using NDOG provides a better understanding of how this method applies to different trading conditions:

Markets	Frequent Gaps	Gap Impact	Gap Fill Likelihood
Forex	Start of sessions	Moderate to high	High
Stocks	Daily	High	Moderate
Futures & Commodities	Weekends and overnight	Moderate to high	Moderate to high
Indices	Daily	High	Moderate
Cryptocurrency	Less frequent	Moderate	Low
Bonds	News-driven	Moderate	Moderate

Conclusion

The **NDOG (New Day Opening Gap)** is a straightforward yet effective trading method for analyzing market behavior during **daily** openings.

This approach helps identify profitable opportunities during early **market volatility**. However, success in this style requires proper **risk management, practice, and experience**.











FAQs

What is NDOG, and how does it work? 

What causes price gaps? 

Which markets are suitable for NDOG? 

How to identify NDOG gaps?  

When is the best time to trade NDOG?  





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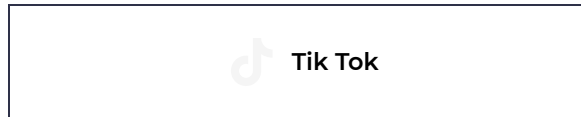
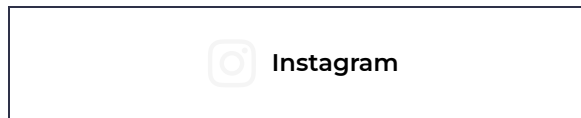
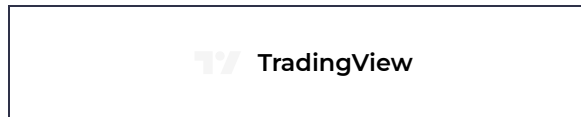


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