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# Advanced Market Structure in ICT Style – STH & ITH & LTH & LTL – STL & ITL & LTL

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**Advanced Market Structure** concept in **ICT style** is based on the categorization of **highs** and **lows**. This categorization can serve as a complement for better identification of various breakouts within the **market structure**.

The advanced market structure categorization is named based on **short-term**, **intermediate-term**, and **long-term** ranges.





## What is Market Structure?

**Market structure** refers to **the price movement pattern** within each specified timeframe. Analyzing price **highs** and **lows** allows traders to understand **overall trends** and **market dynamics**.

### Types of Market Structure

- ⚡ **Bullish Market Structure:** This indicates a consistent price increase, characterized by **long-term higher highs** and **long-term higher lows** in price chart
- ⚡ **Bearish Market Structure:** This indicates a consistent price decrease, identified by **long-term lower lows** and **long-term lower highs**
- ⚡ **Sideways Market Structure:** In this scenario, prices fluctuate within a defined **range**, with highs and lows forming at the same level

## What are the Types of Advanced Market Structure?

Advanced market structure in **ICT style** includes various types, which are listed below:

### Highs

In this concept, there are three types of highs: **STH, ITH, LTH**; Each is explained below:

#### Short Term High (STH)

In ICT analysis, a **Short Term High** refers to a **Swing High** formed by three candles.

The **upper wick** of the second (**middle**) candle is **higher** than the **highs** of both the first (**left**) and third (**right**) candles.

Therefore, the high of **the second candle** is recognized as a **Short Term High (STH)**.

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Illustration of a Short Term High (STH) in Advanced Market Structure style

## Intermediate Term High (ITH)

The term "**intermediate-term**" refers to something positioned in the middle or between two stages.

An **Intermediate Term High (ITH)** is essentially a **Short Term High**, but lower Short Term Highs are located on its left and right.

This high is positioned **between two lower Short Term Highs** and is higher than both of them.

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Intermediate Term High (ITH) between two Short Term Highs (STH) in Advanced Market Structure trading strategy

## Long Term High (LTH)

A **Long Term High (LTH)** is naturally an **Intermediate Term High**, but it usually forms on a **higher timeframe** after a price reaction within a PD zone.

An **LTH** is represented as an Intermediate Term High positioned in the **center of two other Intermediate Term Highs**.

It represents the highest Intermediate Term High, with **lower** Intermediate Term Highs on both sides.

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Long Term High (LTH) between two Intermediate Term Highs (ITH) in Advanced Market Structure trading strategy

## Lows

In this concept, there are three types of lows: **STL**, **ITL**, **LTL**. Each is explained below:

### Short Term Low (STL)

In ICT analysis, a **Short Term Low** refers to a **Swing Low** formed by **three candles**.

The **lower wick** of the second (**middle**) candle extends below the lows of both the first (**left**) and third (**right**) candles.

Therefore, the low of **the second candle** is recognized as a **Short Term Low (STL)**.



An Indication Short Term Low (STL) in Advanced Market Structure style

## Intermediate Term Low (ITL)

The term "**intermediate-term**" refers to something positioned in the middle or between two stages.

An **Intermediate Term Low (ITL)** is essentially a **Short Term Low**, but higher Short Term Lows are located on its left and right.

This low is positioned **between two higher Short Term Lows** and is lower than both of them.



Intermediate Term Low (ITL) between two Short Term Lows (STL) in Advanced Market Structure style

## Long Term Low (LTL)

A **Long Term Low (LTL)** is naturally an Intermediate Term Low, but it usually forms on a **higher timeframe** after a price reaction within a **Premium/Discount** zone.

An LTL is represented as an **Intermediate Term Low** positioned in the center of **two other Intermediate Term Lows**.

It is the **lowest** Intermediate Term Low, with **higher** intermediate term lows on both of its **left** and **right**.



Long Term Low (LTL) between two Intermediate Term Lows (ITL) in Advanced Market Structure trading style

### Structure [BOS]

## Conclusion

#### Break of Structure (BOS) on ICT

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In a **bullish advanced market structure**, prices consistently form higher highs and higher lows through the **Break Of Structure (BOS)** over the long term.



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The trend remains bullish unless the higher low is broken, indicating a potential reversal known as a Change of Character or Market Structure Shift (**CHoCH or MSS**).

In **Bearish Advanced Market Structure**, prices form **lower lows** and **lower highs** over the long term. The trend stays bearish unless the **lower high** is broken.

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What is Market Structure in ICT analysis? v

Market structure refers to the framework that describes the behavior, conditions, and current flow of the market. By analyzing price highs and lows, the overall market dynamics can be understood. v

**STH:** A high formed within a three-candle pattern where the high of the middle candle is higher than both adjacent candles

**ITH:** A high positioned between two lower STHs and higher than both of them  
**LTH:** A naturally higher timeframe ITH that is the highest among two other ITHs



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How are STL, ITL, and LTL defined?



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**STL:** A low formed within a three-candle pattern where the low of the middle candle is lower than both adjacent candles;



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**ITL:** A low positioned between two higher STLs and lower than both of them;

**LTL:** A naturally higher timeframe ITL that is the lowest among two other ITLs.

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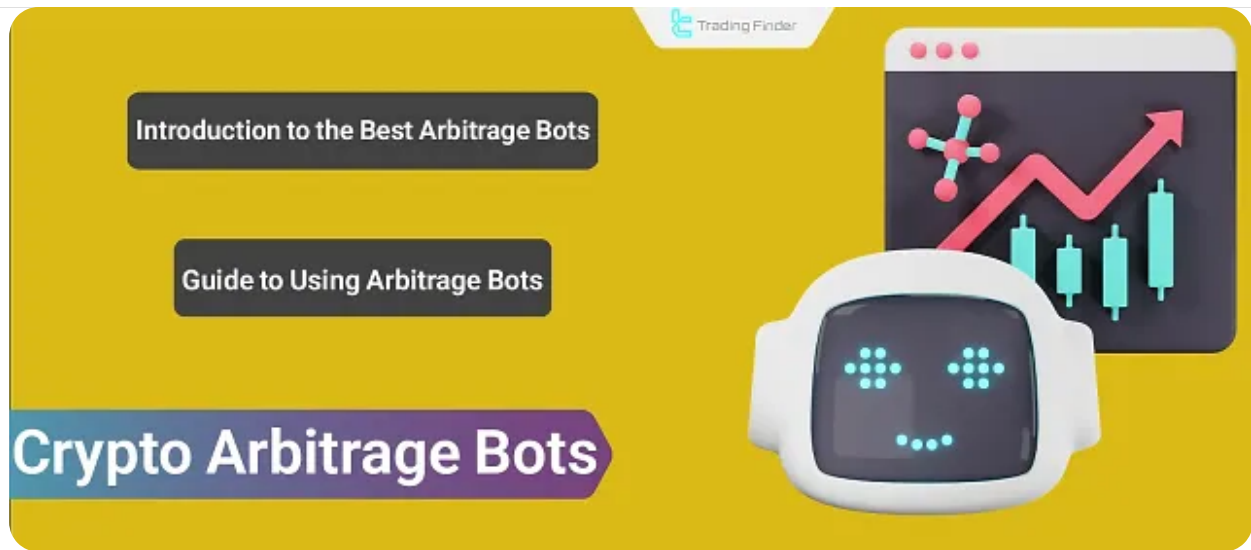
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