

Momentum Continuation

This system is built to capitalise on sustained momentum continuation in a trending market, using refined measures of trend strength and momentum quality.

Core components

1. Momentum strength indicators

The system calculates two complementary metrics assessing both the magnitude and quality of price momentum over a lookback period. One measures adjusted average momentum velocity, while the other quantifies trend efficiency by comparing net price change against absolute price movements.

2. Entry criteria

A long position is initiated when either of two conditions is met:

- Moderate momentum with a high efficiency reading; or
- Stronger momentum combined with a slightly lower efficiency.

These criteria ensure entries when momentum is positive and sufficiently strong to suggest continuation.

3. Exit criteria

Positions are closed if the trend efficiency metric moves into neutral or negative territory for a sustained period of four consecutive weekly bars. This exit rule aims to lock in profits and avoid holding through weakening momentum phases.

4. Trade management

The system maintains a simple open/close state, tracking entry price and position status. It labels entry and exit points on the chart for clear visual feedback.

Strengths

- Focuses on capitalising on existing momentum, potentially riding longer trends.
- Dual-threshold entry conditions provide flexibility in capturing different momentum intensities.

- Exit based on sustained weakening signals reduces whipsaws and premature exits.
- Simple logic with few parameters makes it easier to understand and monitor.
- Weekly timeframe smooths noise, fitting medium-term trend following.

This system suits medium-term traders who want to capture established trends' extension on weekly data, relying on momentum and trend efficiency signals combined with a simple exit discipline.