# PHASE I. FUNDAMENTALS OF SPECULATIVE TRADING

# > THE BASICS

- Risk Taking Business
- Risk Management and Mitigation
- Risk Decision-Making
- Financial Market Risks
- Process of Exploiting Market Risk

#### > NATURE OF TRADING

- Trading: Art, Science and Mathematics
- >Preparation:
- Maximum Adversity
- Emotional Orientation
- Losing Game
- Random Markets
- Best Loser Wins
- Risk Management
- Trading Partner
- Financial Boundary

## > KEYS TO SUCCESS IN TRADING

- Avoiding the Risk of Ruin
- Embracing Trading's Holy Grail
- Expectancy
- Opportunities
- Pursuing Simplicity
- Treading where Most Fear
- Validation
- Know Thy Self
- Mastering Internal Domain
- Attributes of a Successful Trader

- PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Formulate a Trading Business Plan

#### > MACHINERY OF ELETRONIC TRADING

- Trading Infrastructure
- Broker, Exchange, Clearing house and Regulator
- Market Maker
- Market Participants: Commercial, Hedger, Speculator, Arbitrager

- PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Research Paper on Selected Topic

#### > MACRO ECONOMICS

- GDP
- The Wealth of Nations and Economic Growth
- Growth, Capital Accumulation, and the Economics of Ideas
- Savings, Investment, and the Financial System
- Unemployment and Labor Force Participation
- Inflation and Quantity Theory of Money
- Business Fluctuations
- Business Cycle Theories
- Monetary Policy and the Federal Reserve
- Fiscal Policy

-PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Macro Analysis on Past Financial Event

# > MONEY AND THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

- -Money
- -Banks
- -Interest Rates
- -Federal Reserve and Central Banking
- -Federal Reserve's Balance Sheet and

the Money Supply Process

- -Monetary Policy
- -International Financial System and Monetary Policy (Optional)
- -Spot Markets
- --Equity
- -- Hard and Soft Commodity
- --FX
- -- Precious Metal
- --Energy
- --Bonds
- --Crypto
- -Derivative Market
- --Futures
- --Forwards

- --Swaps
- --CFD
- --Options
- > DERIVATIVE
- Futures
- Options
- CFD

- PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Analysis Research paper on Financial Crisis

#### > TRADING MATHEMATICS

- Probability Theory
- Statistics
- Calculus: Derivative and Integral
- Differential Equation
- Linear Algebra
- Mathematical Modeling

- PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Research TTP on Weather Forecast modeling

### > DATA ANALYSIS

- Data, Information, Intelligence and Knowledge
- Data Analysis Process
- Methods
- --Statistical Analysis
- --Time Series Analysis
- -- Descriptive Analysis
- --Inferential Analysis
- -- Predictive Analysis
- --Anomaly Detection
- Machine Learning:

Deeping Learning, Supervised and Unsupervised

- Research Terminal (OpenBB)
- R Programming

- PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Pull Data, Analyze and Extract Insight on Selected Market

# > MARKET INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS

- Market Participants
- Fundamental Analysis
- Technical Analysis

- Quantitative Analysis
- Hybrid Analysis
- Understanding Volatility
- Understanding Risk
- Developing a Cohesive Market View
- PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Develop Analysis Framework on Selected Market

#### > MODELING OF MARKET BEHAVIOR

- Modeling
- Quantitative
- Qualitative
- Visual
- Market Microstructure

- PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Develop a Trading Model to Approximate observed Market Behavior

#### > TRADING OPERATION

- Speculation
- Marketing Making
- Arbitrage
- Hedging
- Evaluating Trades
- -- Creating a Trading Plan
- Executing a Strategy to Express Market View
- -- Directional Trading
- --Spread Trading
- --Option Trading
- -- Quantitative Trading
- -Managing Positions

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Develop a Trading Battle Plan

# PHASE II. EXPLOITING RISK

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### STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

- > Trading Style
- Trading Mode
- Time Frames
- Choosing your Style

- Long-Term Trend Trading
- Short-Term Swing Trading
- Intraday Trading
- > Market Selection
- Good Risk Management Attributes
- Good Trading Attributes
- > The Three Pillars
- Method
- Money Management
- Psychology

## > MONEY MANAGEMENT

- Martingale
- Anti-Martingale
- --Single Contract no Money Management
- --Fixed-Risk
- --Fixed-Capital
- --Fixed-Ratio
- --Fixed-Units
- --Williams Fixed-Risk
- --Fixed-Volatility

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Research the Kelly Formula

#### > METHOD DEVELOPMENT

- -The Process
- -Trading Edge
- -Attributes of Winning Method
- -Testing and Iteration

- PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Formulate Trading Idea/Thesis

# > PSYCHOLOGY

- -Managing Hope
- -Managing Greed
- -Managing Fear
- -Managing Pain
- -Maximum Adversity

- PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Watch 'Rouge Trader' and write an Essay

# **RISK-TAKING SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT**

- Survey of System Engineering
- Computer Software Development
- Programming Concepts and C# Coding
- Trading Software's Familiarization
- Ninja Trader API
- Strategy Development Process

- PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Research on Trading Method/System

# PHASE III. INTERNALIZE TRADING

- Guest Speaker, Professional Trader
- Setting Financial Goals and be SMART about it
- Internalize Trading framework through Deep Practice
- -- Semi-Live Trading to Confirm Trading Edge
- -- Performance Coaching
- --Trade Reporting, Journaling and Improvement
- -- Mentoring Junior traders
- Live Trading Demonstration

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