

# HOW TO PLAY

2-7 players



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## GOALS AND GAME MODES

There are **3 different game modes**, each with different goals:

- **TRADING CHAMPION:** when the Deck's cards end, the player **who gained the most** wins;
- **TRADING RACE:** the first player who reach the **gain of 100\$** wins;
- **REAL LIFE:** using "Financial Operators", **each player has its own goal (for Expert players)**.

## SETTING UP THE GAME: LET'S GO TRADING! (for beginners)



The game is made up of **87 Trend cards (the Deck for Beginners)**, **7 Platform cards (don't shuffle into the Deck)**, **10 Event cards**, **9 Money Management cards (to shuffle into the Deck for experts only)** and **7 Financial Operator cards** (see section "Financial Operators").

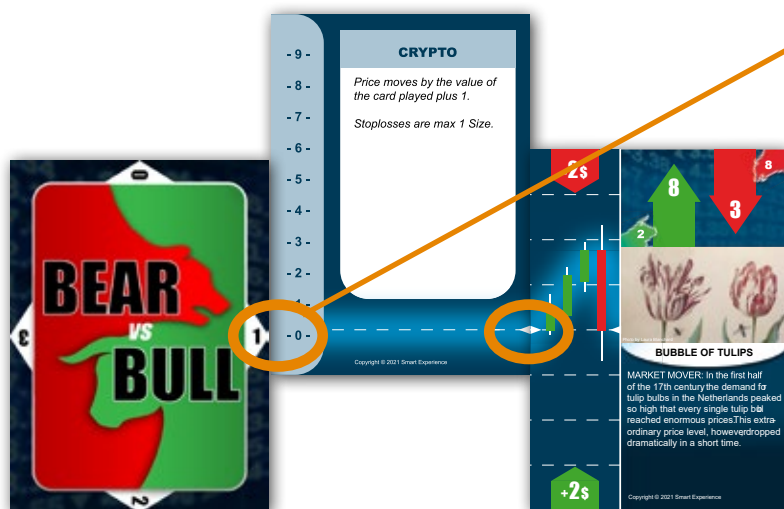
1. At the beginning of the game, **you have to remove 15 cards at random from the Deck**, without revealing them.
2. **Each player starts with a capital of 5 "Sizes"**, at his disposal to open positions on financial instruments
3. **Each player starts with 4 cards drawn from the Deck.**
4. The game starts by **placing a Platform card on the table** matching a **Trend card drawn from the Deck** to "quote" the first financial instrument.
5. **Each player has a summary sheet** on which he has to mark the positions he opens and closes.

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Bond	Long	2	11	-2

*A sample of a Summary sheet on which you have to mark the open positions and the profit made once closed*

The **most inexperienced player** starts the game, then **the round continues clockwise**.

To monitor the price of financial instruments, you can use the back of one of the discarded cards together with a "Platform" card, **aligning the cards in order to have tens and units** (you can ignore the Platform card explanations if you are playing at "Beginner" level).



The back of a card combined with the Platform card indicates the Price of the financial instrument. The price must be updated every time a trend card is played on the financial instrument.

Each instrument always starts at the price of 10 \$. If the price reaches 0 \$, financial instrument fails, all the positions must be automatically closed (and counted) and a new financial instrument has to be started by playing a new Platform card.

## OPENING AND CLOSING POSITIONS

You can **open a position, using 1 or max 2 sizes**, on each financial instrument on your turn, deciding whether **to go Long** (and bet on an Up-trend) **or Short** (and bet on a Down-trend).

At this point, you have to use the summary sheet to mark:

- the name of the financial instrument;
- whether you went Long or Short;
- how many Sizes you used to open the position;
- what price you opened the position at.

When you **close a position**, you have to **mark the profit** on the summary sheet:

- **calculate the difference** between the current price (monitored on the Platform card) and the purchase price marked in the summary sheet;
- **multiply** the result for the number of the purchased Sizes.

You can close any number of positions in your turn. After you close a position, **the Sizes return available**.

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Let's assume that the price of the financial instrument has dropped from \$ 11 (purchase price) to \$ 10 and you decide to **close the position**. Since the Buy Price was higher than the Sell Price, **you lose \$ -1 for each of the 2 Sizes if you had Long positions**, (you gain \$ +1 for each Size if you were Short).

$$\text{GAIN (LOSS)} = (10 - 11) \times 2 = -2 \$$$

## IN YOUR TURN:

### STEP 1: CLOSE YOUR POSITIONS

At the beginning of your turn, you can decide to **close (totally or partially) your positions** and calculate consequent losses / profits (remember to **sign it on the summary sheet**).

### STEP 2: CONTINUE THE GRAPH

You can choose how to continue the chart **with one of the Trend cards in your hand**, continuing or reversing the trend (for expert players, you can see the section: "Continuing or reversing the trend"). Once the Trend card has been played, **the reference price of the financial instrument on the Platform card must be updated** by the amount indicated by the red or green arrows on the Trend cards. Some cards have both colors: you can choose how to use them (uptrend or downtrend).



**Turn 1:** a player starts with a bullish card that brings the price of the financial instrument from 10 to 11 (up-trend).

**Turn 2:** the price falls by 1 following a bearish reversal, setting a down-trend (bearish value of 4 vs trend value of 3 of the last card played).

### STEP 3: OPEN YOUR POSITIONS

You can open a position **on each financial instrument** using **max 2 Sizes**. The opened position **must be marked** on the appropriate summary sheet (see section: "Opening and closing positions").

### STEP 4: DRAW CARDS

At the end of your turn, draw a number of cards to return you to **have 4 cards in your hand**.

# CONTINUING OR REVERSING A TREND (for Expert players)

In your turn, if you want to continue the current trend, you can use **any card with the same colored values of the last card played on the graph by the previous player**. If you have **no playable cards**, discard a card, then draw a card from the Deck and pass your turn.



Uptrend

Downtrend

Uptrend or Downtrend

Each card has a reverse value (placed into the bear or bull symbol) and a trend value (placed into the colored arrow above the picture)

If you want to **reverse the current trend**, the **reverse value must be higher than the trend value of the last card** that compose the graph.



Bullish reverse example

Bearish reverse example



## RECOMMENDED STARTING SETUP

### FOR BEGINNERS:

**2-7 players (1 Platform):** no Financial Operators, no Event cards, no Money Management cards

### FOR EXPERT PLAYERS:

**2 players (1 Platform):** 1 Trader + 1 Bank

**3 players (1 Platform + Gold / ETF):** 1 BOT + 1 Trader + 1 Bank

**4 players (2 Platforms + Gold / ETF):** 1 BOT + 1 Trader + 1 Investment Fund + 1 Bank

**5 players (3 Platforms + Gold + ETF):** 1 BOT + 1 Trader + 1 Investment Fund + 1 Bank + 1 Central Bank

**6 players (4 Platforms + Gold + ETF):** 2 BOTs + 1 Trader + 1 Investment Fund + 1 Bank + 1 Central Bank

**7 players (5 Platforms + Gold + ETF):** 2 BOTs + 2 Traders + 1 Investment Fund + 1 Bank + 1 Central Bank

## ADDITIONAL CARDS (for Expert players)

**PLATFORM:** Each card has also **special features**, which can be activated by other cards (you must not shuffle Platform cards into the Deck at the beginning of the game).

**MONEY MANAGEMENT:** These cards can be used to improve the management of your positions (sometimes **in the turn of the other players**).

**EVENT:** These cards **must be activated immediately, as soon as they are drawn** by a player, who then is allowed to draw another card. If in the starting set of 4 cards a player draws an event card, he shuffles it back into the Deck and draws another.

**FINANCIAL OPERATORS:** These cards are distributed at the beginning of the game in order to **assign each player different spending capacities, actions and goals**.



# FINANCIAL OPERATORS (for Expert players)

## BOT

- Goal: earn \$ 70
- Has 2 Sizes available, can open / close positions during each player's turn
- Does not play chart cards

## Trader

- Goal: earn \$ 50
- Has 4 Sizes available
- Plays up to 1 chart card at a time

## Bank

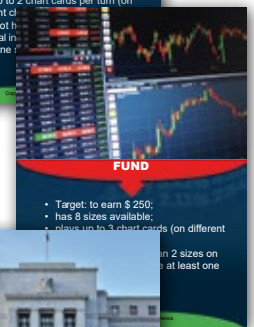
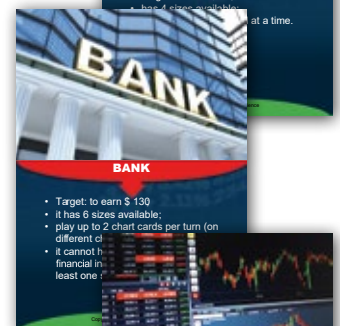
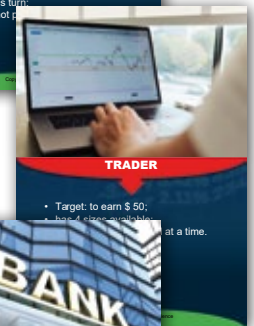
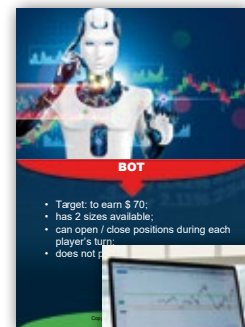
- Goal: earn \$ 120
- Has 6 Sizes available
- Plays up to 2 chart cards per turn (on different charts)
- Cannot have more than 2 Sizes on a title if it does not have at least one size on each title

## Fund

- Goal: earn \$ 200
- Has 8 Sizes available
- Plays up to 3 chart cards per turn (on different charts)
- Cannot have more than 2 sizes on a title if it does not have at least one Size on each title

## Central Bank

- Goal: prevent bankruptcies (it loses immediately if Government Bonds fail) and do not allow prices to rise above \$ 40
- Does not have any Size available
- Plays up to 4 Trend cards at a time
- Can use Money Management cards to cancel cards with reversals or trends greater than 7



# GLOSSARY

**PLATFORM:** website linked to financial markets on which it is possible to trade financial instruments.

**PRICE:** value at which one unit of a financial instrument is traded.

**TREND:** increasing (Up-trend) or decreasing (Down-trend) trend assumed by the graph of a financial instrument. If the chart does not have a defined trend it is said to be in "Range".

**REVERSAL:** point at which the graph passes from an Up-trend to a Down-trend (or vice versa).

**OPEN A POSITION:** go long / short by buying or selling a financial instrument, at the current market price.

**GO LONG:** bet on the Up-trend of a financial instrument by earning if it rises in price.

**GO SHORT:** bet on the Down-trend of a financial instrument by earning if it falls in price (this is a financial technique that involves borrowing a financial instrument and selling it immediately on the market. The intent is to buy it back later at a lower price and then return it, thus gaining on the difference between the price at which you sold and the price you bought back. It is very dangerous as it exposes you to potentially infinite losses).

**CLOSE A POSITION:** resell (if you went Long) or buy back (if you went Short) the financial instrument on which you have opened a position, at the new market price (gaining or losing by the operation)

Quote a Financial Instrument: make a new financial instrument available on the market to be bought or sold.

**SIZE:** part of the capital that is available and that is used to open a single position (to reduce the risk it is preferable to divide the capital into sizes and invest it in different financial instruments. This is called diversification).

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