FIELD GUIDE · SMART-MONEY STRUCTURE

Where trapped traders get a second chance: mitigation blocks

A mitigation block is the origin area of a strong move where some orders were left unfilled or offside. Price can drift back into it so those orders get mitigated. Mechanics only.

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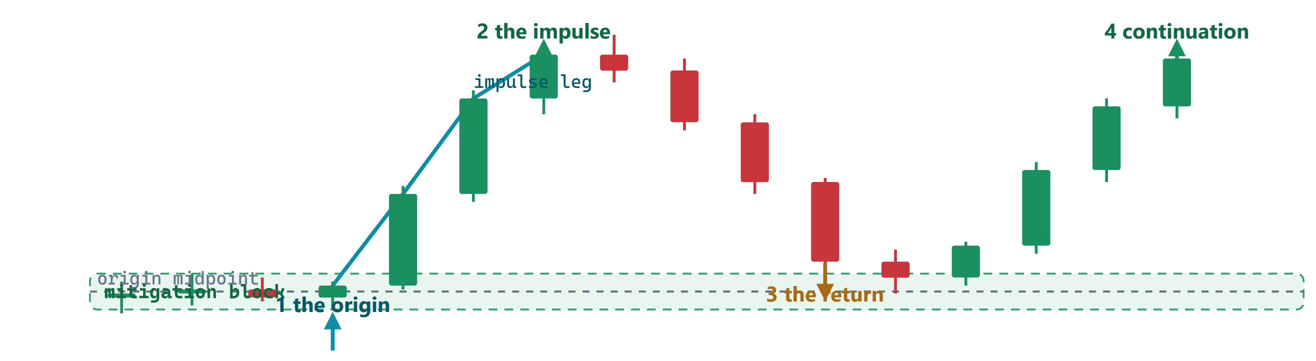

PHASE 1 · THE ORIGIN

A move begins

Price consolidates, then a decisive candle pushes away from a small area. That last candle before the push becomes the origin. Not every resting order there got filled, so an unfinished pocket is left behind.

PHASE 2 · THE IMPULSE

Price runs away

A fast expansion carries price well above the origin. Traders caught on the wrong side, or who never got their full fill, are now stranded. The origin area sits untouched below.

PHASE 3 · THE RETURN

Price comes back

Momentum fades and price rotates back down into the origin area. Here the earlier unfilled or offside orders can finally be mitigated, meaning they get the fill or exit they were waiting for.

PHASE 4 · CONTINUATION

The move resumes

Once the area is mitigated, pressure from the pullback can fade and price often moves back in the direction of the original impulse. The block has acted as a reaction area.

Key terms

Mitigation block — The origin area of a strong move that price returns to so earlier unfilled or offside orders can be settled.

Mitigate — To let a resting or trapped order finally get its fill or its exit at the level it was waiting for.

Origin candle — The last candle before an impulsive move; its range marks where the block is drawn.

Impulse leg — The fast, one-directional expansion that leaves the origin area behind untouched.

How to read & use it

Find the origin first

Look for a sharp move, then trace back to the small area it launched from. That area, not a random level, is the candidate block.

Watch the reaction, not the touch

A tag of the area alone means little. Observers study how price behaves inside it: stalling and rejecting is more telling than a clean slice through.

A break changes the read

If price closes decisively through and beyond the area, the block is treated as failed or spent, and the earlier story no longer applies.

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