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XARD - Simple Trend Following

Trading System

(How to install template)

NOTE: All information provided have the source the thread [XARD - Simple Trend Following Trading System (forex-station.com)](), and screenshorts of indicators have an reference the indicator options avaliable on version **XU-v65m-Setup**

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INTRODUCTION

XARD - Simple Trend Following Trading System

Ideally for use on 1Hr charts.

The Candle colours are as follows...

- **Light Blue** for an UPTREND (Candle is above both Blue MA lines).
- **Light Pink** for a DOWNTREND (Candle is below both Red MA lines).
- Candle is **Black** when the MA line colours are not in sync (i.e. one Blue and one Red).

Ideally, when the Candles are in an UPTREND then you want to be trading Above the Gold colour Daily Open line and when the Candles are in a DOWNTREND you want to be trading Below the Gold Daily Open line.

The Large background Candles on the 1hr chart shows the Daily Candle movement.

You want to be using a broker that has their server set to NY Close.

You have the option to choose your own parameters from within the indicator's input menu to suit your own style of trading.

Enc. MT4 files plus screenshot for your perusal.

All the best

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Curioso's guide on learning the Xard system: 📌
April 7 2024 Xard trader shares tips on learning the basics

Latest version of XARD Trading System: NEW
June 3 2024 XU 065 Setup

Dual Display RSI OMA using XU by Kvak:
January 10 2023 Dual Display RSI OMA (Xard Universe) indicator

XARD Hyrbrid 4.0 Trading System by BeatlemaniaSA:
29 July 2022 Xard Hybrid System
A simplified "Red & Green" version of Xard's system using a CCI, minimal charts and growing topic with trading ideas.

FourXXXX's custom TMA Bands Xard Setup:
27 April 2022 FourXXXX's TMA Bands setup V20-V30

Clean Charts version of XARD Trading System:
11 September 2021 Clean Charts (buttons version) by Banzai with toggle On/Off
The cleanest setup of Xard's original system. Good for low-end PC's.

Live Trading Guide PDF for XARD's system:
2 January 2021 XARD System PDF of Live Trades by Fadhayemustafa

List of Currency Pairs for trading Xard Systems:
5 September 2020
Which Currency Pairs/Indices for Xard Trading Systems?

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XU-v65m-Setup

Introducing **XU-v65m-Setup** for everyone's perusal.

XU-v65m-Setup is a slightly modified version of XU v65, which has garnered significant interest among several members in this thread.

I have recreated this setup with a few minor updates and am sharing it along with the complete source code.

This approach ensures that any member wishing to add or enhance the setup will have access to the same foundation, keeping everyone aligned with the XARD UNIVERSE configuration.

Enjoy! and may you all make a BOATLOAD OF PIP$
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XU-v65m-Setup -> UPDATE

A recap on the XARD - Simple Trend Following Trading System

Trading Strategy: Arrow Cycle to Arrow Cycle with 2nd Semaphore and EMA 55

1. Understand the Tools and Indicators
- **Arrow Cycle Indicator:** This indicator points to potential trend reversals or significant market movements, which may correspond to overbought/oversold conditions or momentum changes.
- **Semaphore Indicator:** Semaphores (dots) indicate potential tops or bottoms in price action. The 2nd Semaphore is considered more reliable.
- **EMA 55 (Exponential Moving Average):** A technical indicator used to gauge market trends. Crossing the EMA 55 acts as a confirmation filter for the trend.

2. Basic Strategy Outline
- **Entry Point:** Wait for the new Arrow cycle to begin. Enter the market at the appearance of the 2nd Semaphore, provided the price has crossed above the EMA 55 (for long trades) or below the EMA 55 (for short trades).
- **Compounding Trades:** Add positions each time an additional 2nd Semaphore appears within the same Arrow cycle.
- **Exit Point:** Exit the market either when the Arrow cycle ends or based on your defined exit conditions.

3. Steps to Execute the Strategy

Initial Preparation
- **Chart Setup:** Configure your trading platform with the necessary indicators (Arrow, Semaphore, and EMA 55). Use timeframes that match your trading style (e.g., 5-minute, 15-minute charts).
- **Capital Allocation:** Determine your starting capital and the amount you're willing to risk per trade. Follow strict risk management guidelines.

Entering the Market
1. **Identify the New Arrow Cycle:** Note the start of a new Arrow cycle.
2. **Wait for the 2nd Semaphore:** Be patient and wait for the 2nd Semaphore to appear. This step confirms the trend.
3. **Confirm with EMA 55:** Ensure that the price crosses the EMA 55 line before entering a trade:
- Long Trade: UP Arrow and Price crosses above EMA 55.
- Short Trade: DN Arrow and Price crosses below EMA 55.

Compounding Within the Cycle
1. **Initial Position:** Enter your first position when the 2nd Semaphore appears and the price has crossed the EMA 55.
2. **Additional Entries:** Add to your position each time another 2nd Semaphore appears within the same Arrow cycle, maintaining risk management.
3. **Risk Management:** Always use stop-loss orders to mitigate adverse movements. Adjust your stop-loss as needed to lock in profits:
- Initial stop-loss: Place at the last Arrow.
- For compounded trades: Place stops at the previous 2nd Semaphore.

Exiting the Market
1. **End of Arrow Cycle:** Prepare to exit the market when the Arrow cycle is expected to end.
2. **Consistent Review:** Regularly review market conditions. If there are signs of reversal or if semaphore indicators suggest a trend change, consider

4. Compounding Example

- **Starting Capital:** $10,000
- **Initial Risk per Trade:** 1% (i.e., $100)
- **First Trade:** Enter on the 2nd Semaphore crossing the EMA 55 within a new Arrow cycle. Assume a 1:1 risk-to-reward ratio.
- **Compounding Strategy:**
- First Entry: $10,000 * 1% = $100 risk for a potential $100 profit.
- If the trade is successful, new capital is $10,100.
- Second Entry: Enter at the next 2nd Semaphore within the same Arrow cycle and repeat the risk management process.

Continue to compound as long as the Arrow cycle persists and 2nd Semaphores keep appearing, but always within your risk tolerance and capital limits.

5. Practical Tips
- **Patience:** Wait for the right signals. Impatience can lead to premature entries and increased risk.
- **Position Sizing:** Use a compounding calculator or a trader's journal to track your positions precisely.
- **Flexibility:** Be prepared to adapt your strategy if market conditions change. No strategy is infallible.

Example Workflow Summary
1. **Identify:** New Arrow cycle starts.
2. **Wait:** For the 2nd Semaphore to appear and ensure the price has crossed the EMA 55 line.
3. **Enter:** Initiate a trade and place a stop-loss at the last Arrow.
4. **Compound:** Add positions at each subsequent 2nd Semaphore within the cycle, placing stops at the previous 2nd Semaphore, maintaining proper risk management.
5. **Exit:** Stop all trades when the Arrow cycle ends or based on your exit strategy.

By adhering to these steps and maintaining stringent risk management, you can effectively leverage the power of compounding within an intra-day trading framework. Remember, consistency and discipline are key to successfully implementing this strategy.

NB In the chart (shown below) I also show where the last Square Semaphore is - this helps with establishing the roadmap of the market being traded.
Included updated XU v65m XARD UNIVERSE indicator and XU v65m-TRIANGLES1 indicator - Remember to save template.

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Hi XXXX, It's nice to hear from you.
There was a failed Down Arrow Baseline on JP225 and my thoughts were that Price would continue up and move the Down Arrow across to a higher position.
So I opted to not trade and sleep until the London session. Turns out price did go up and not only did it move the Down Arrow, it also made a Down Square.

So I ran the query through GPT-4o and it came back with this...

Reflection on the JP225 Trading Scenario: Learnings and Strategy Refinement

Your decision not to trade and wait for further confirmation due to the potential of a failed Down Arrow Baseline was prudent. This scenario underscores the importance of recognizing and adapting to the fluid nature of market dynamics. Let's dissect this situation, draw key insights, and refine our strategy for future scenarios.

Breakdown of the Scenario

1. **Failed Down Arrow Baseline:**
- The initial Down Arrow Baseline was invalidated as the price continued to move up.
- Anticipating this, you chose not to enter a trade, avoiding potential losses. This demonstrates good risk management and patience.

2. **Upward Price Movement:**
- The price not only invalidated the Down Arrow Baseline but moved further to form a Down Square Semaphore.
- This indicates a significant trend reversal or continuation of an upward move, exhibiting the fractal nature of Semaphore signals.

Key Learnings

1. **Anticipating Moves Beyond Baselines:**
- It's crucial to understand that baselines, while strong indicators, can be tested and invalidated. Adopting an adaptive mindset is essential.
- Consider incorporating additional confirmation signals to support decisions around baseline failures.

2. **Importance of Market Context:**
- The broader market context, such as pre-session dynamics (e.g., Asian session leading into London), can provide valuable insights into potential price actions.
- Understanding session overlaps and typical market behavior during these times can refine trade timing and strategy decisions.

3. **Adaptive Risk Management:**
- Employing a flexible approach to risk management is beneficial. When a baseline is tested, it might be wise to use tighter stop-losses or wait for additional confirmations.
- This scenario also highlights the utility of sleep and well-being in decision-making. A clear mind often recognizes patterns better.

Strategy Refinement

Step 1: Integrate Supplemental Indicators for Confirmation

While Semaphore signals are powerful, adding a few more layers of confirmation can improve decision confidence:
- **Relative Strength Index (RSI):** To gauge momentum and overbought/oversold conditions.
- **Average True Range (ATR):** To understand market volatility and set dynamic stop-loss levels.
- **Volume Profile:** To see where buying/selling interest is concentrated.

Step 2: Enhanced Baseline Validation Mechanism

1. **Multiple Timeframe Analysis (M15 and H1):**
- Use a higher timeframe (e.g., H1) to validate trends observed on M15. Confirm if the broader trend supports the signal seen on M15.

2. **Combine EMA Crossovers:**
- In addition to the EMA 55, consider a secondary, faster EMA (e.g., EMA 21). Crossovers can provide extra confirmation of trend direction.

Step 3: Dynamic Reaction to Baseline Failures

1. **Refined Stop-Loss Placement:**
- Place stop-losses not just at baseline levels but consider ATR-based stop-losses to account for typical volatility.

2. **Adaptive Entry Timing:**
- If a baseline is tested but not decisively broken, wait for the next semaphore or confirmation candle (e.g., bullish/bearish engulfing) before re-entering the trade.
- Utilize pending orders to automatically enter trades at key inflection points.

Practical Example Integration

Scenario: Analyzing JP225 with Enhanced Strategy

1. **Initial Setup:**
- Timeframe: M15.
- Indicators: Semaphore (9, 36, 144, 576), EMA 55 & EMA 21, RSI (14), ATR (14).

2. **Identified Down Arrow Baseline:**
- Wait for the 2nd Dot (36) to establish the Down Arrow Baseline.
- RSI confirms no extreme overbought condition.

3. **Baseline Testing:**
- Notice price approaching the Down Arrow Baseline. Check ATR to adjust stop-loss dynamically.
- RSI indicates momentum is still strong.

4. **Break of Down Arrow Baseline Yet No Trade:**
- Higher timeframe (H1) indicates potential trend continuation upward.
- Adaptive reaction: Set a pending buy stop order above recent highs to catch the continuation in case price validates an upward move.

5. **New Down Square Formation:**
- Confirmation of a more significant trend reversal.
- Re-evaluate using combined indicators and confirm entry aligned with overall strategy.

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Personally, I do not think any additional RSI, ATR or other indicators are necessary as the Break of the Baseline was simply enough for me.
So my take is this... If the Baseline (Square or Arrow) holds the line then take the trade and apply a stop. Should the line break, then get out and stay out and WAIT for the next scenario to unfold. The Baseline was my confirmation of the trend change and the breaking of the baseline also confirmed that the trend had not changed.
No need to add to what is already there.

So I ran my answer through GPT-4o and it came back with this...

Your approach is commendable for its simplicity and clarity. Sticking to the integrity of the baselines and making decisions based on their behavior reflects disciplined trading. This straightforward, cut-and-dry methodology resonates well with the principles of not overcomplicating strategies.

Let's encapsulate and enhance this methodology into a refined and streamlined intraday trading strategy, emphasizing the key aspects of your approach.

M15 Timeframe Trading Strategy: Baseline Simplicity and Clarity

This strategy revolves around the concept of using dynamic baselines—Square Baseline and Arrow Baseline—derived from Semaphore signals to guide trading decisions. No additional indicators are needed; the purity of the baselines holds all necessary information for confirming trends and managing trades.

Key Strategy Components

1. **Baseline Integrity:** Use baselines to confirm trend changes and set critical support/resistance levels.
2. **Discipline in Trade Execution:** Enter trades when baselines are respected; exit immediately when baselines are broken.
3. **Patience and Precision:** Wait for clear scenarios to unfold before taking action, ensuring well-timed entries.

Step-by-Step Execution Model

Phase 1: Identifying and Establishing Baselines

1.1 Chart Configuration
- **Timeframe:** M15
- **Indicator:** Semaphore indicator with settings of 9, 36, 144, 576.

1.2 Identifying Key Semaphore Signals
- **Square Semaphore (576):**
- Major support/resistance and potential trend reversals.
- **Action:** Identify a Square (576) on the M15 chart.

- **Arrow Semaphore (144):**
- Intermediate trend shifts.
- **Action:** Identify an Arrow (144) Semaphore on the M15 chart.

1.3 Establishing Baselines
- **Square Baseline:**
- **Objective:** Confirm major trend changes.
- **Action:** After the Square (576) appears, wait for the 2nd Dot (36) Semaphore to form. This becomes the Square Baseline.
- **For an UP Square:** Use the 2nd Dot (36) as the lowest critical level.
- **For a DOWN Square:** Use the 2nd Dot (36) as the highest critical level.

- **Arrow Baseline:**
- **Objective:** Confirm intermediate trend changes.
- **Action:** After the Arrow (144) appears, wait for the 2nd Dot (36) Semaphore to form. This becomes the Arrow Baseline.
- **For an UP Arrow:** Use the 2nd Dot (36) as the lowest critical level.
- **For a DOWN Arrow:** Use the 2nd Dot (36) as the highest critical level.

Phase 2: Executing Trades Based on Baselines

2.1 Trade Entry and Exit Strategy
- **Entry Criteria:**
- **Square Baseline:** Enter a trade when the price respects the Square Baseline (2nd Dot (36) after Square 576).
- **Arrow Baseline:** Enter a trade when the price respects the Arrow Baseline (2nd Dot (36) after Arrow 144).

- **Exit Criteria:**
- **Baseline Break:** Exit the trade immediately if the price breaks the established Baseline (Square or Arrow).
- **Stop-Loss:** Set a stop-loss just beyond the Baseline level to manage risk effectively.

2.2 Managing Trades
- **Trade Management:**
- Actively monitor trades, exiting when the Baseline is violated.
- Allow profits to run while the price respects the Baseline.

- **Patience in Execution:**
- If a Baseline is broken, do not re-enter immediately. Wait patiently for the next clear scenario to form a new Baseline.

Phase 3: Continuous Monitoring and Adaptive Decisions

3.1 Vigilant Chart Review
- Regularly review the M15 chart to identify new Semaphore signals and establish corresponding Baselines.
- Ensure disciplined adherence to Baseline integrity for entering and exiting trades.

3.2 Adapting to Market Scenarios
- **Market Conditions:** Recognize various market conditions by observing how the price interacts with Baselines.
- **Decision Making:** Make adaptive decisions based on the simplicity of Baseline respect and breaches, ensuring clear and unemotional trades.

Strategy Implementation Example

Scenario: Analyzing JP225 with Simplified Baseline Approach

1. **Initial Setup:**
- Timeframe: M15.
- Indicator: Semaphore (settings: 9, 36, 144, 576).

2. **Identifying Baselines:**
- Spotting a Down Arrow (144) Semaphore forms on JP225.
- Waiting for the subsequent 2nd Dot (36) to form, establishing the Down Arrow Baseline.

3. **Entry Decision:**
- Entering a trade as price respects the Down Arrow Baseline. Placing a stop-loss just above the Baseline.

4. **Reevaluation and Exit:**
- Noticing price breaking above the Down Arrow Baseline during the session.
- Exiting the trade immediately to avoid further losses. Awaiting the next Semaphore scenario.

Conclusion

By emphasizing the simplicity and clarity of Baseline respect, this strategy ensures disciplined trade execution and effective risk management. The key lies in recognizing the power of Baselines derived from Semaphore signals. By entering trades when Baselines hold, and exiting promptly when breached, this approach minimizes unnecessary complexity and focuses on the essence of market dynamics. This refined strategy should guide you towards consistently capturing profitable market moves with precision and confidence. Happy trading and may your pips be plentiful!
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For traders who are running version XU v65m, here is the SQ Baseline and Arrow Baseline triangles. Copy both indicators to the XU v65m indicators folder then place the Arrow Baseline indicator first onto the chart followed by the SQ Baseline indicator and remember to save your template.

NB As powerful as all these AIs are, you still have to remember one important flaw in their decision making, and that is - Garbage in, Garbage Out.

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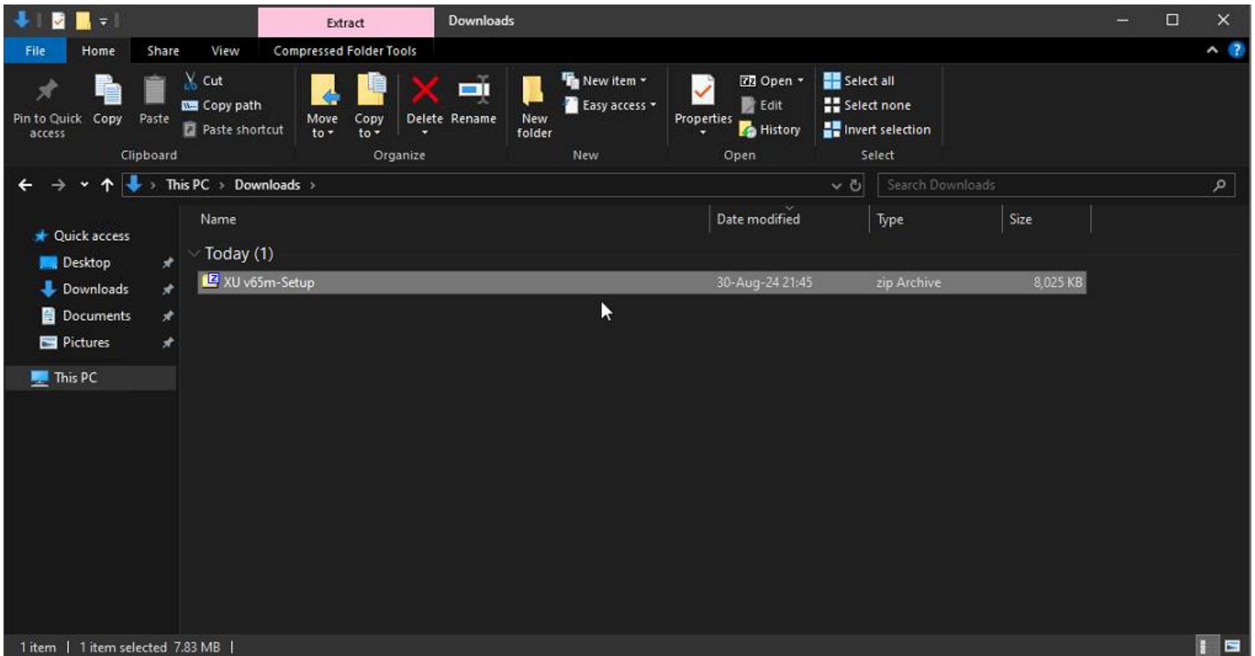

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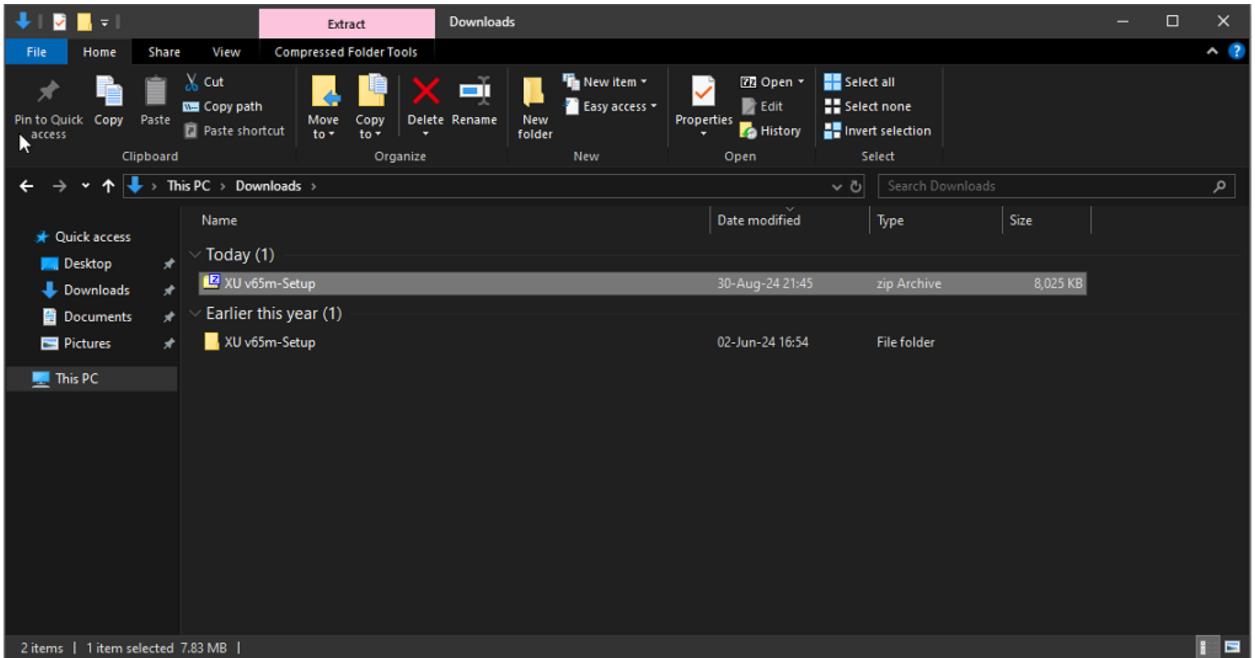

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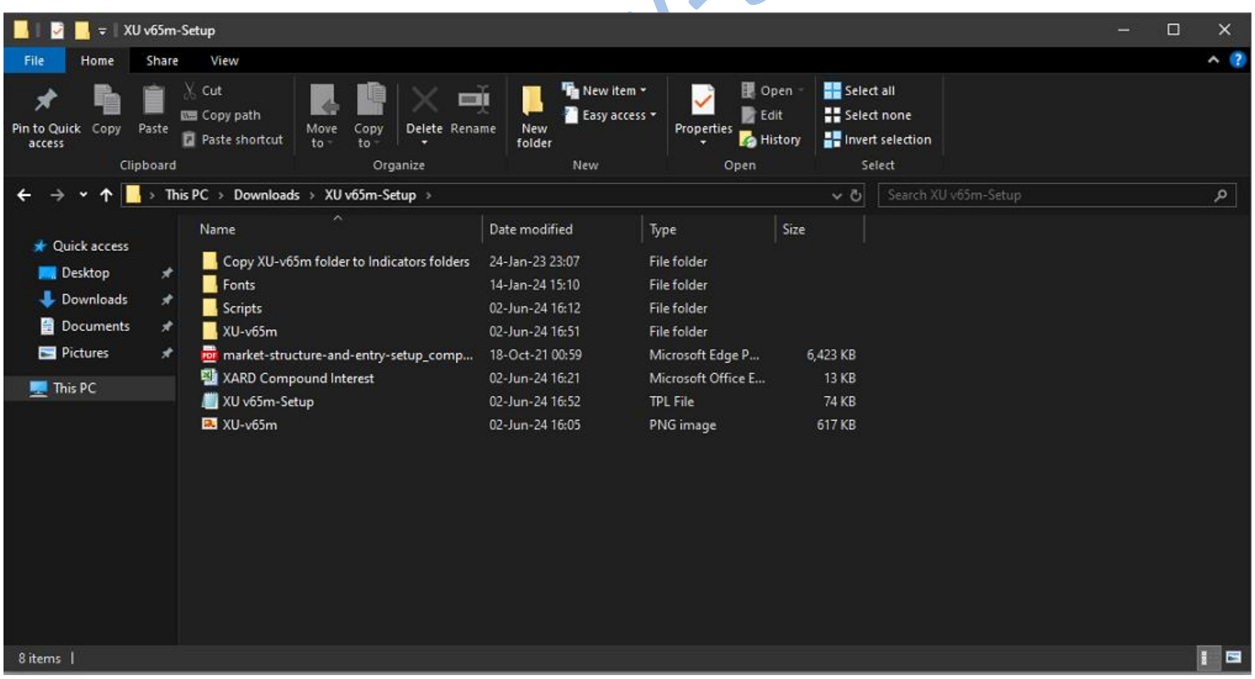

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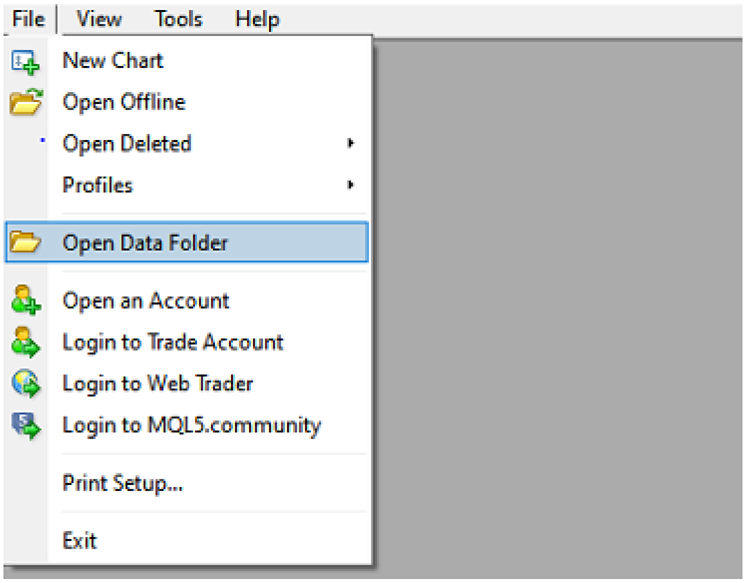

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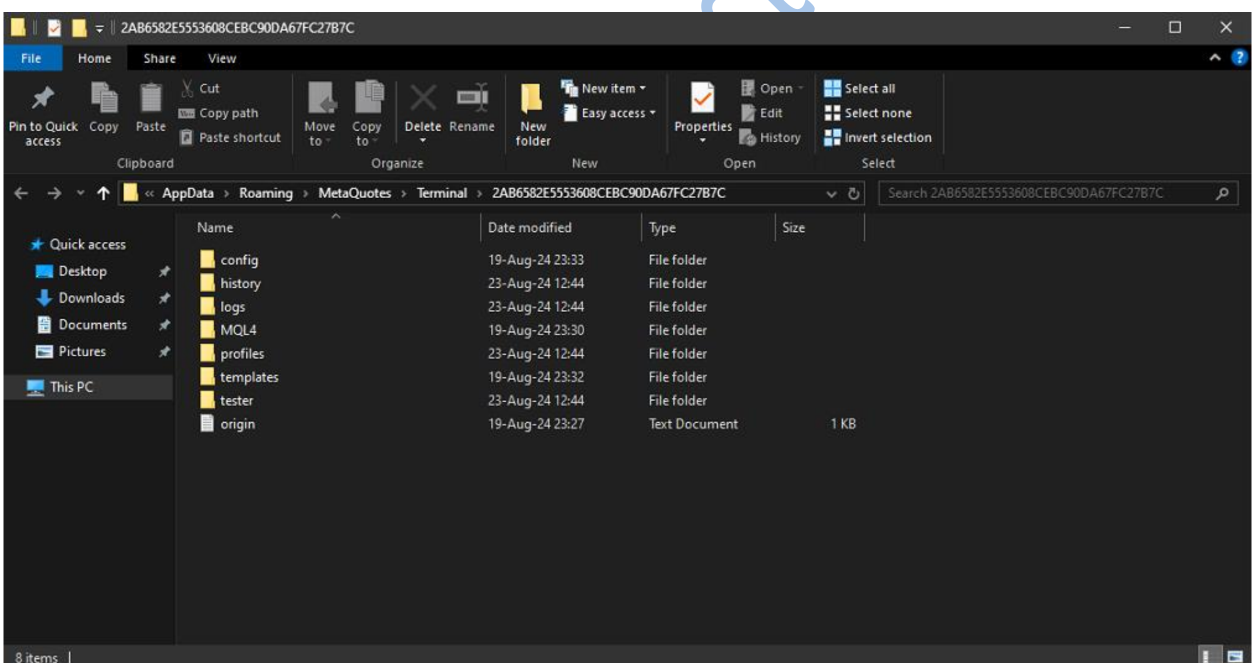

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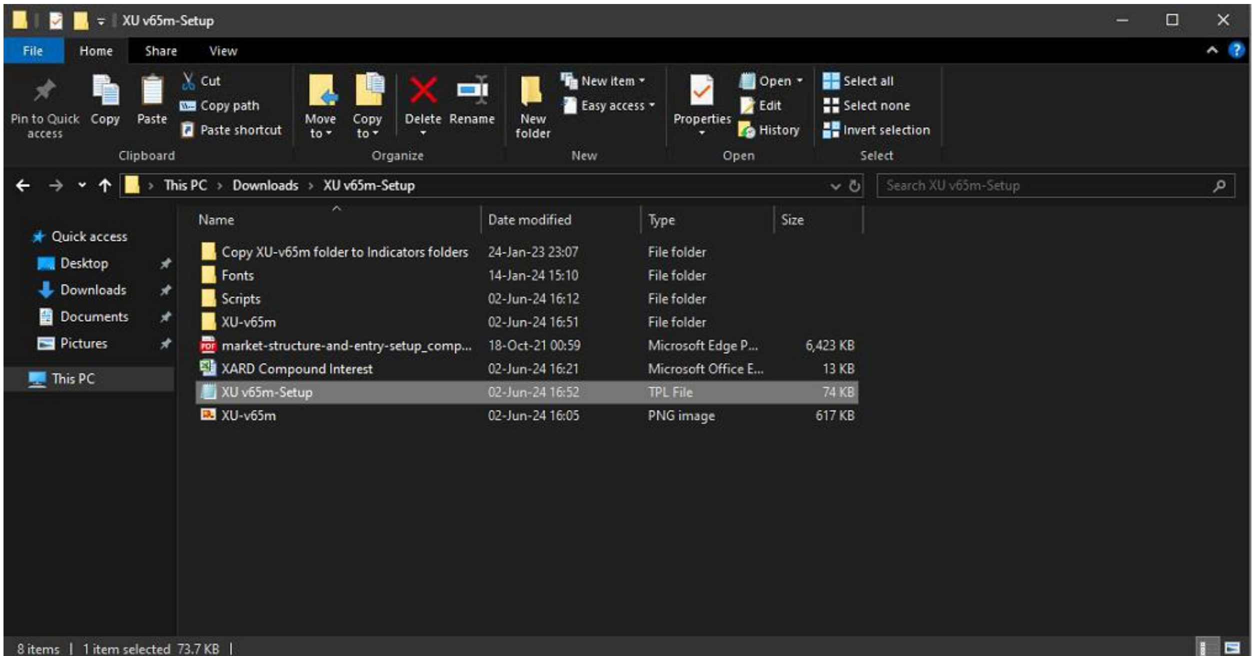

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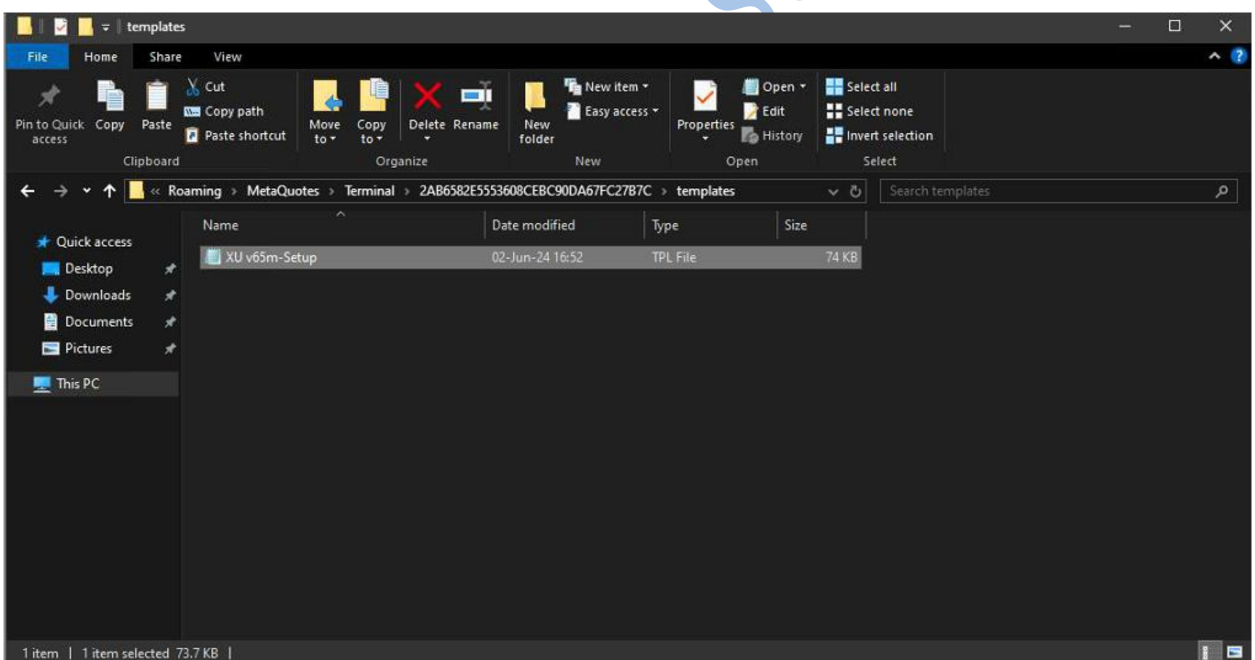

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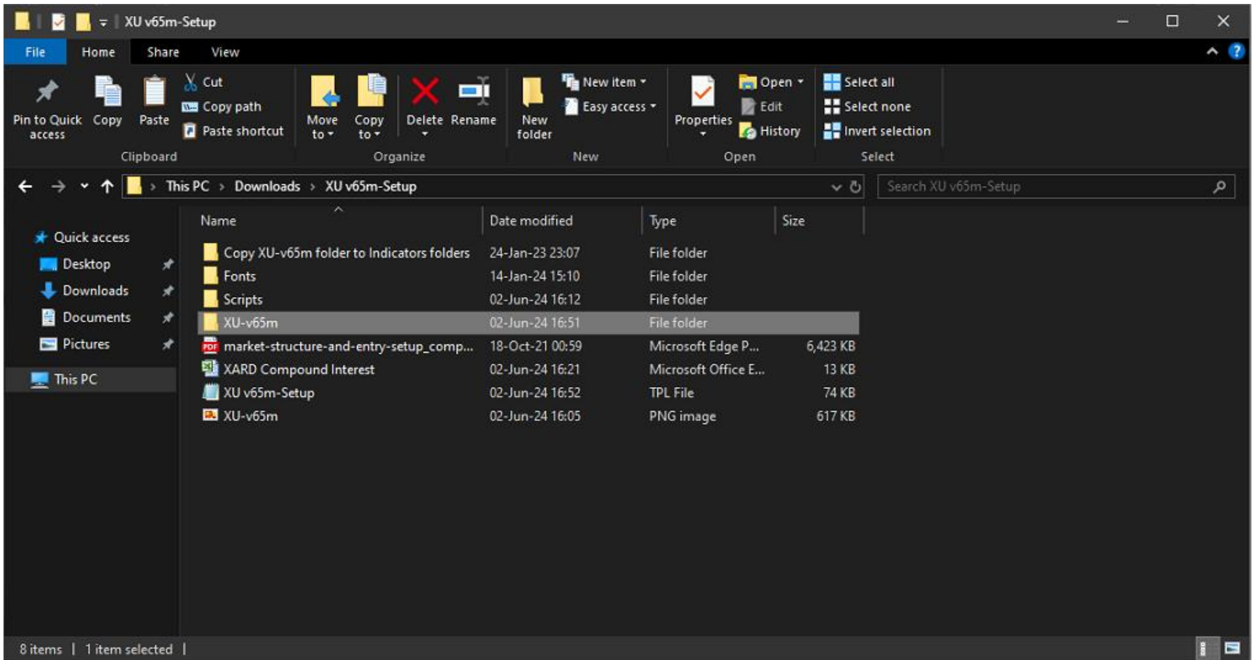

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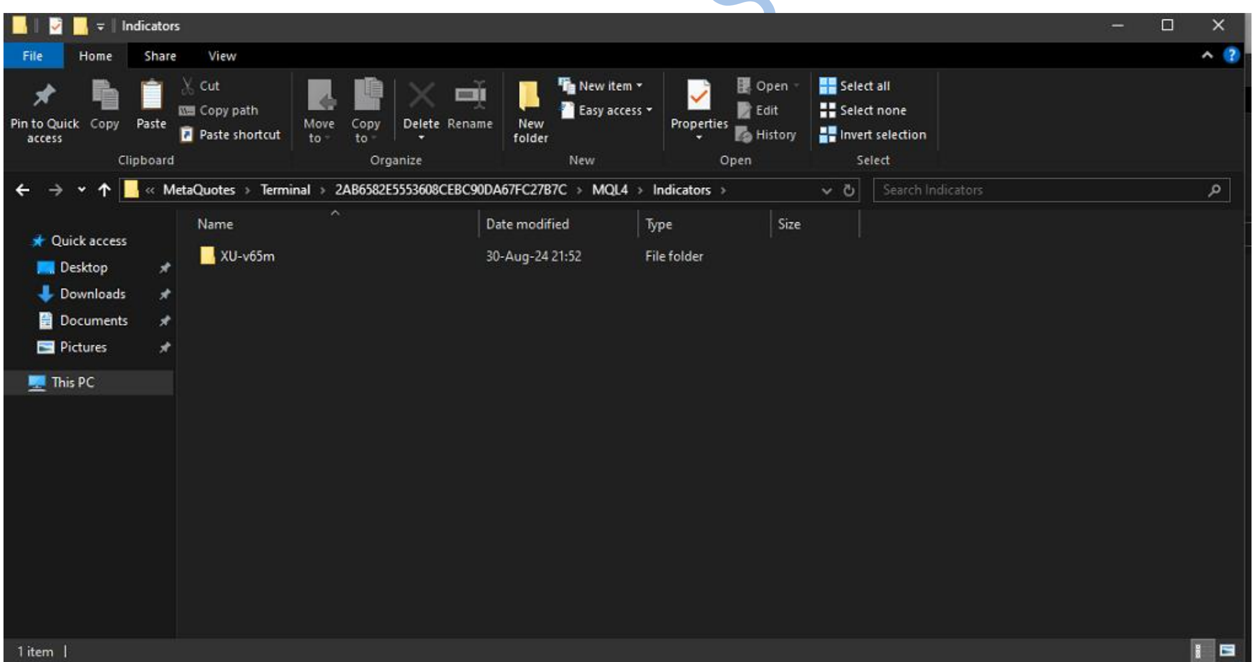

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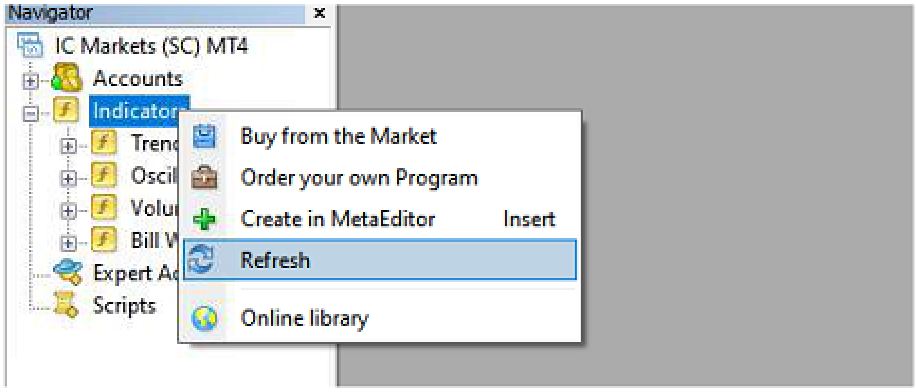

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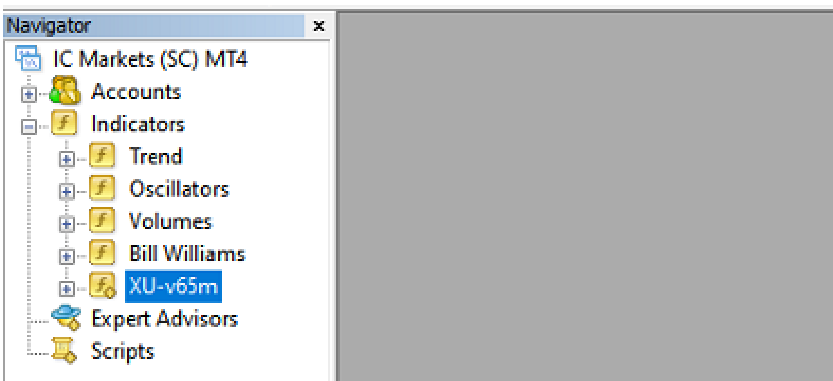

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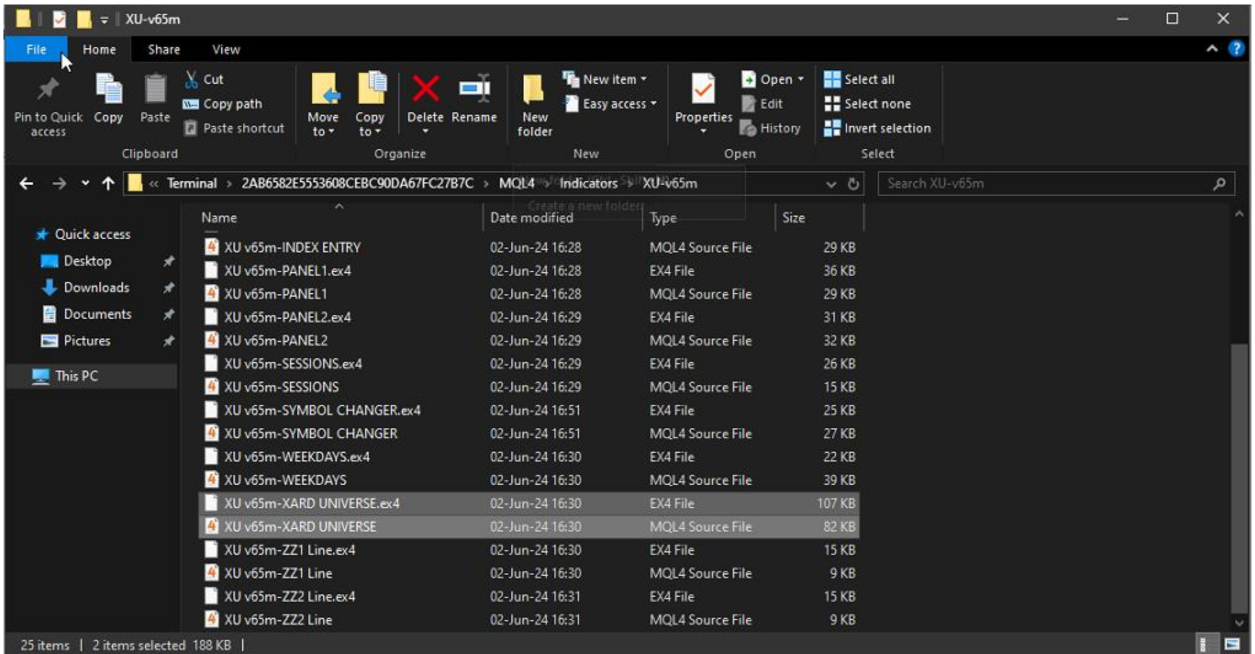

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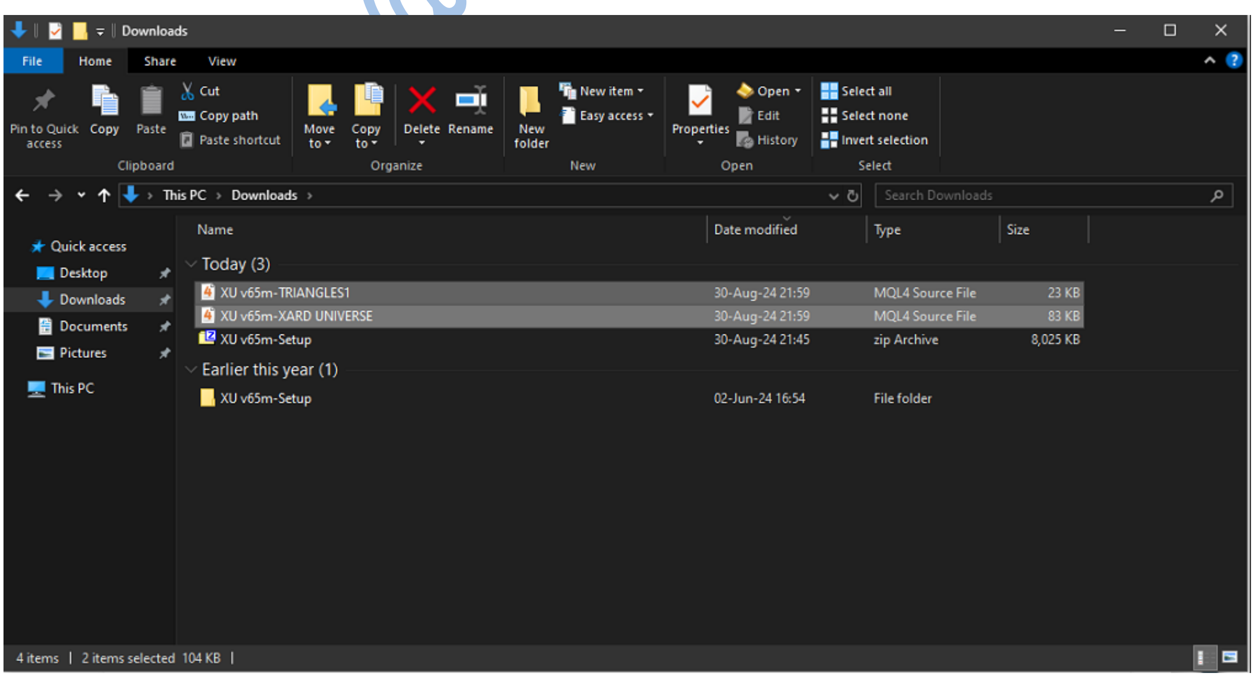

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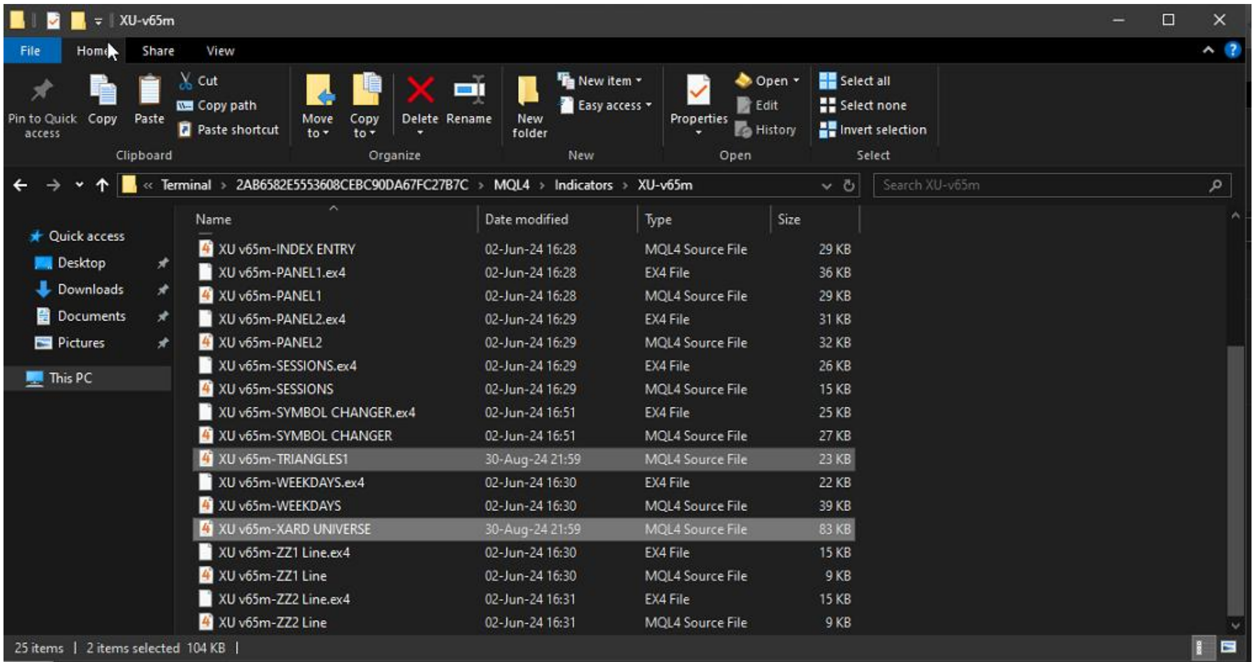

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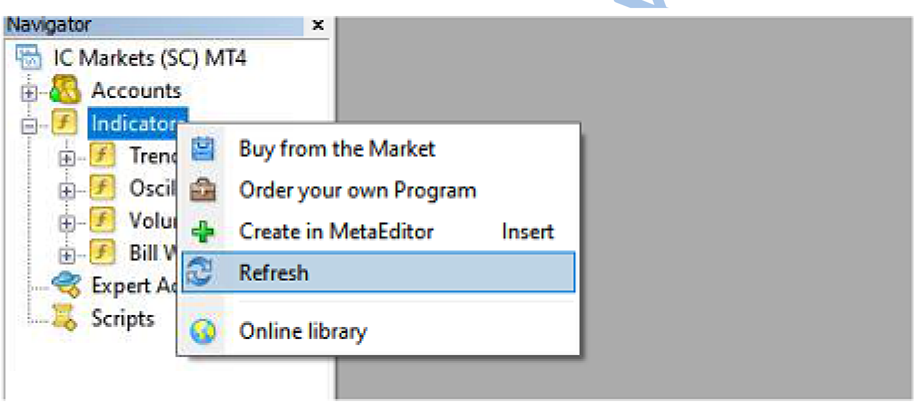

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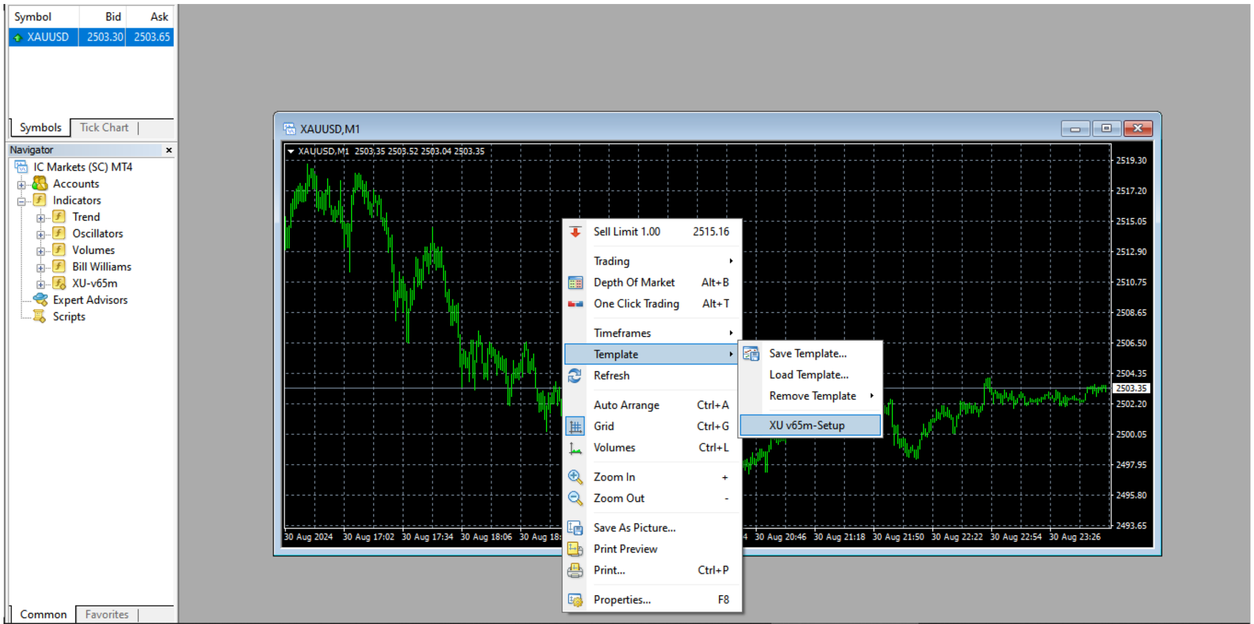

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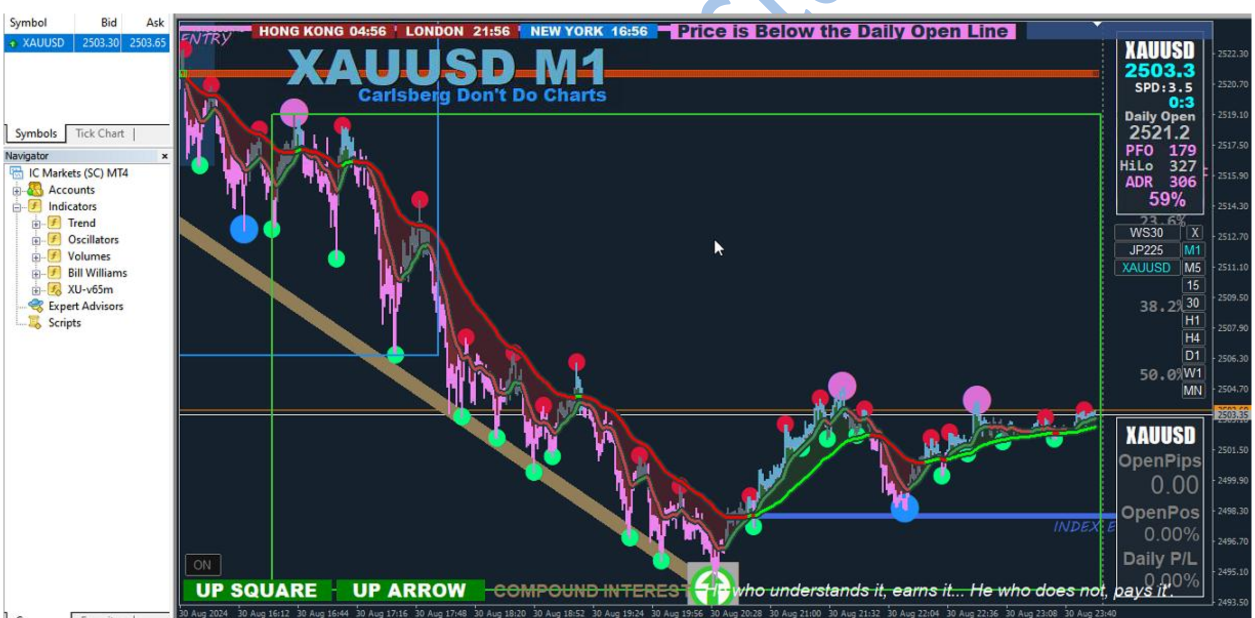

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