

Karaoke Espresso Breakout Strategy

A simple guide to trading Tom Hougaard's household proprietary techniques.

The Karaoke *Espresso Breakout Strategy* is a variation/addition from Karaoke Andi to one of Tom Hougaard's household staples (Espresso Breakout) used at the opening of a trading session (London or New York). It's a scalping method hunting for +-20 points in the DAX or +-40 points in the Dow and moving on. These trades usually take seconds to a few minutes and involve a decent degree of discretion (TP, SL, sizing).

Concept: Pre-open futures order books are thin; so when the market opens, it almost always breaks the range and creates a high-probability directional snap to that side, allowing you to capitalise on some points. It's profitable on CFDs due to tight spreads.

What you look for: Karaoke Andi has found that when the classic *Espresso Breakout Strategy* does not trigger a buy/sell order within three minutes of the market open (ex., a slow market), the *Karaoke Espresso* dictates to define a 3m candle range from open (8:55-9:03), and trade on that breakout.

Entry Signals: When the market opens and has not triggered your classic *Espresso Breakout Strategy*, tighten the range to the first 3m candle after open and add 2 or 3 points (DAX) or 4 to 6 points (Dow) offset to the range in either direction to enter a trade in that direction. Your stop-loss is fully discretionary depending on your risk tolerance and strategy.

Targets: When a trade in one direction has triggered, cancel the trade in the other, and surf the trade for approximately +-20 points in the DAX or +-40 points in the Dow. However, targets are fully discretionary depending on your risk tolerance and strategy. Contrary to this, it could also be a strategy to *flip the switch* and take the reverse trade instead.

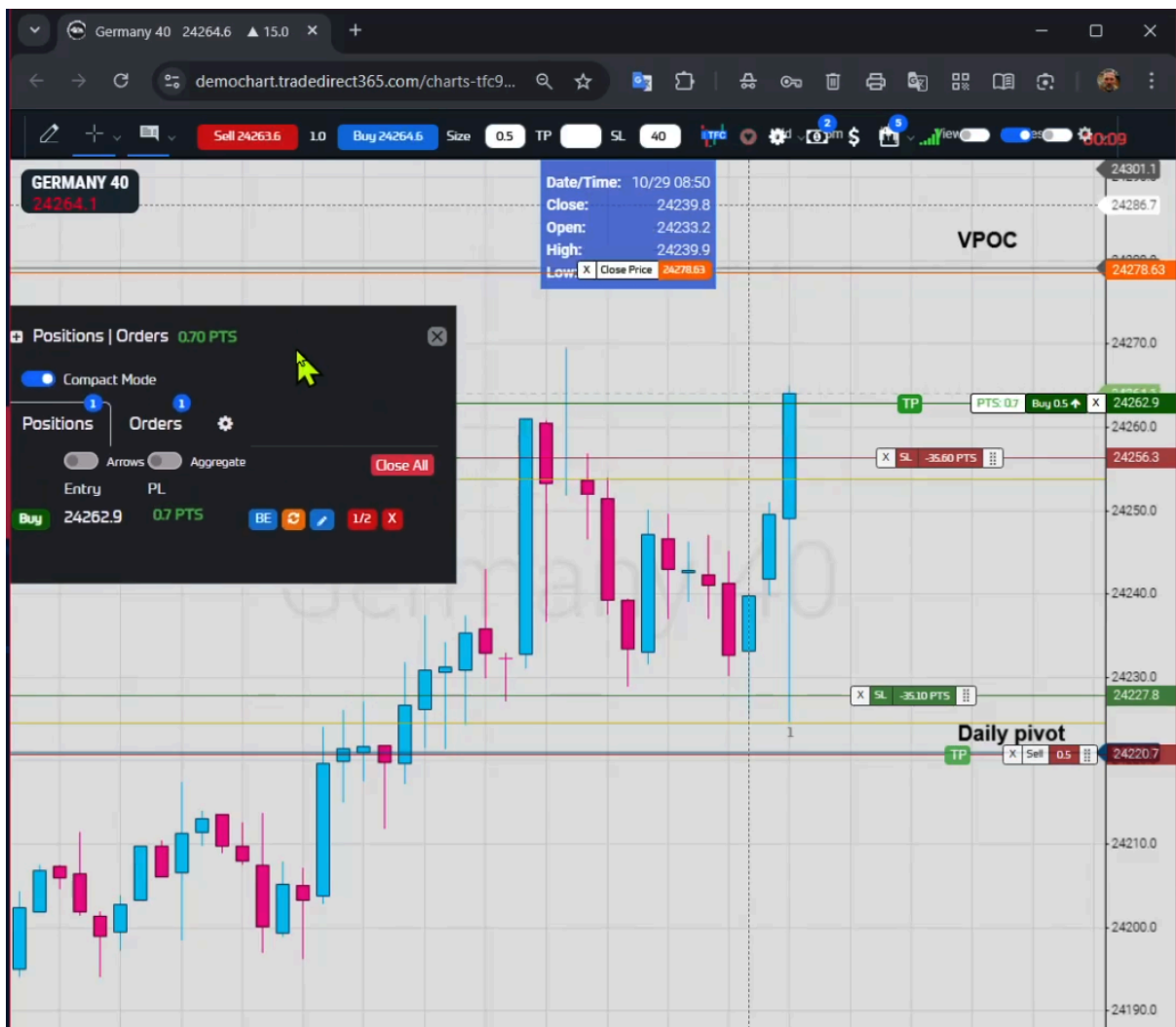
Where it works: DAX (core), Dow (strong), FTSE (forward-/backtest), NASDAQ (adaptable),

Psychology: Markets move fast when you are scalping, which can be nerve-racking. Stay focused and stick to your plan. Don't overthink your setups; get in and out and move on.

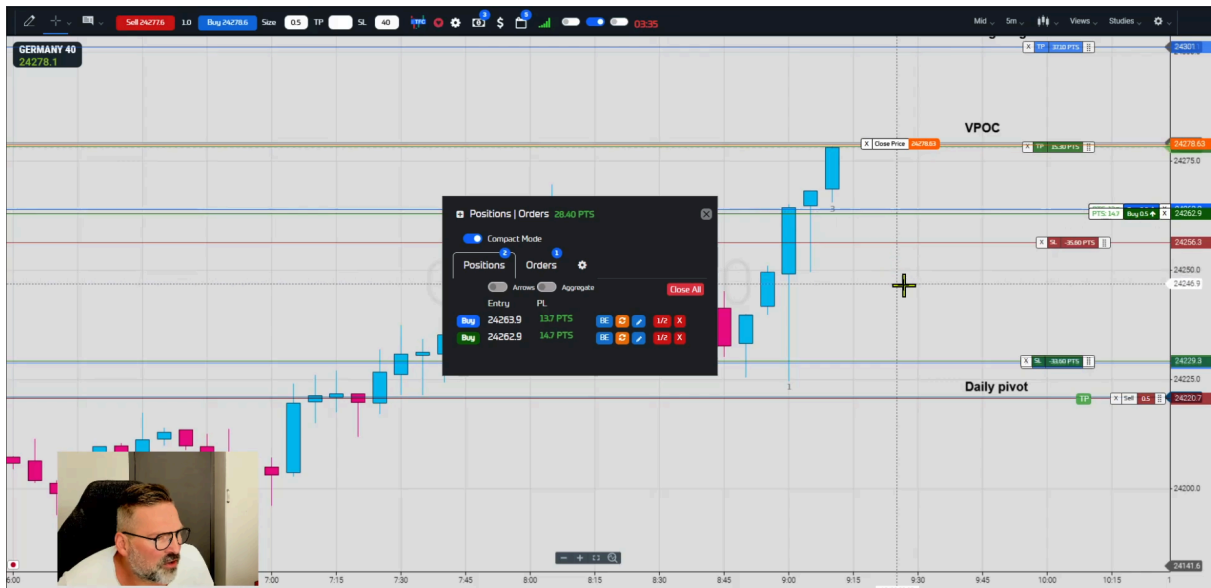
Additional tips: Place your targets on previous session points, such as high, low, open, and close. Use Andi's pre-market desk preparations as a guide for your trade.

Remarks: You could also apply the Karaoke Espresso on the FTSE but be mindful of the 1bn/1bp for counter signals.

Case Study: Fast Points on London Session 29/10/2025



1. 3 Minutes into the London Session, the range is now the 3-minute candle, with a few points (1 or 2) offset to enter. (image 1)
2. Andi buys the DAX with a limit order just shy above 3-minute the candle close. (image 1)
3. He switches to a 5-minute chart and buys again (adding to his position) on that candle close for a market order. (image 2)
4. Andi targets the closing price of previous day to take profit for around 28 points. (image 2)



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1/ Karaoke Andi Live Trading DAX on 29/10/2025:

[Live DAX Trading – EU Session 29 Oct 2025 | Fast Points on the Pivot Bound \(from 14m\)](#)

2/ Karaoke Andi Live Trading DAX:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3ct3VC7D1E> (from 11m25)

3/ Karaoke Andi Live Trading DAX on 8/10/2025:

[Live DAX Trading – EU Session 8 Oct 2025 | Discipline Over Profit \(from 22m00\)](#)

Disclaimer: Full credits to the originator of this breakout strategy: Karaoke Andi & Tom Hougaard. You can find more of their work on www.karaoke-andi.com & www.tradertom.com. This technique has been reinterpreted and documented by Karaoke Andi and Bennie Wel.